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BFA: Bingham property could be given to state

BY ALISON ALOISIO

The Bingham Forest Authority voted last Thursday to recommend to Bethel selectmen to go to court to determine if the BFA has the right to use the Daisy Bryant Road to access the 2,300-acre Bingham Forest.

"If the judge says 'no,' we're filing papers with the State of Maine [to give the land to the state]," said BFA Chairman Brent Angevine.

Bethel took ownership of the land several years ago under a consent agreement with the state, after the Bethel Water District stopped using the land as a water source. By stipulation of William Bingham II in the 1920s, the land was to be given to Maine if the BWD stopped using it, and be turned into a park or something similar.

But the state did not prefer that arrangement. Under the consent agreement for Bethel to take over the land, a management plan for the property was crafted that included developing low-impact recreational uses such as hiking/biking trails. It was approved by a Town Meeting vote.

The trail work had gotten underway this summer, on adjacent land still owned by the BWD and also accessed via Daisy Bryant Road.

The plan hit a snag last month when some landowners on the road said an easement transferred from the BWD to the town for that access was not valid, and expressed their concerns about the safety of increased use of the one-lane dirt road, as well as privacy issues. They hired an attorney who told the BFA to stop trail work, which it did, in order to "be a good neighbor" while a solution was sought. The trails are currently closed.

Last week BFA trustees discussed the road issue informally for about an hour at their regular meeting with a small number of road residents.

Trustee Jarrod Crockett said that in addition to using the road for recreational access, the BFA also needs it to do the logging that supports the forest management

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Andrew Raymond bringing Bistro to the Mill Hill Inn

BY AMY WIGHT CHAPMAN

Salmon-stuffed puff pastry with a ginger sauce: it's what's for dinner this Sunday at the Mill Hill Inn.

Thanks to a team of intrepid chefs in the kitchen, and the innovative "Bistro Night" menu they have recently developed, the inn offers a different dinner special each Sunday evening, and word is spreading fast.

Bethel native and 2005 Telstar High School graduate Andrew Raymond had previously spent two winters working for innkeeper Woody Hughes and three summers cooking at the New York Yacht Club.

Last spring he decided to move back to his hometown and take on a more primary role in the kitchen of the Mill Hill Inn.

"I'm stepping back a little," said Hughes, who purchased the inn with his wife, Lee, five years ago and had been doing nearly all of the cooking himself.

"This has gotten way bigger than I expected," he said of the restaurant, which now serves dinner four nights a week and breakfast to guests of the inn each morning.

Saturdays are their busiest night, when they may serve 60 or more diners and reservations are welcome, though not essential.

The dining room seats 35, but Hughes said the inn's regular tapas menu lends itself well to serving guests in the cozy living room as well.

Although at this point he is still involved with food preparation three nights a week, on Sundays Hughes turns the kitchen over to Raymond.

Launched earlier this summer, the restaurant's Bistro Night has quickly become popular with both visitors and locals.

"Woody and I had been

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Where? Crescent Park School

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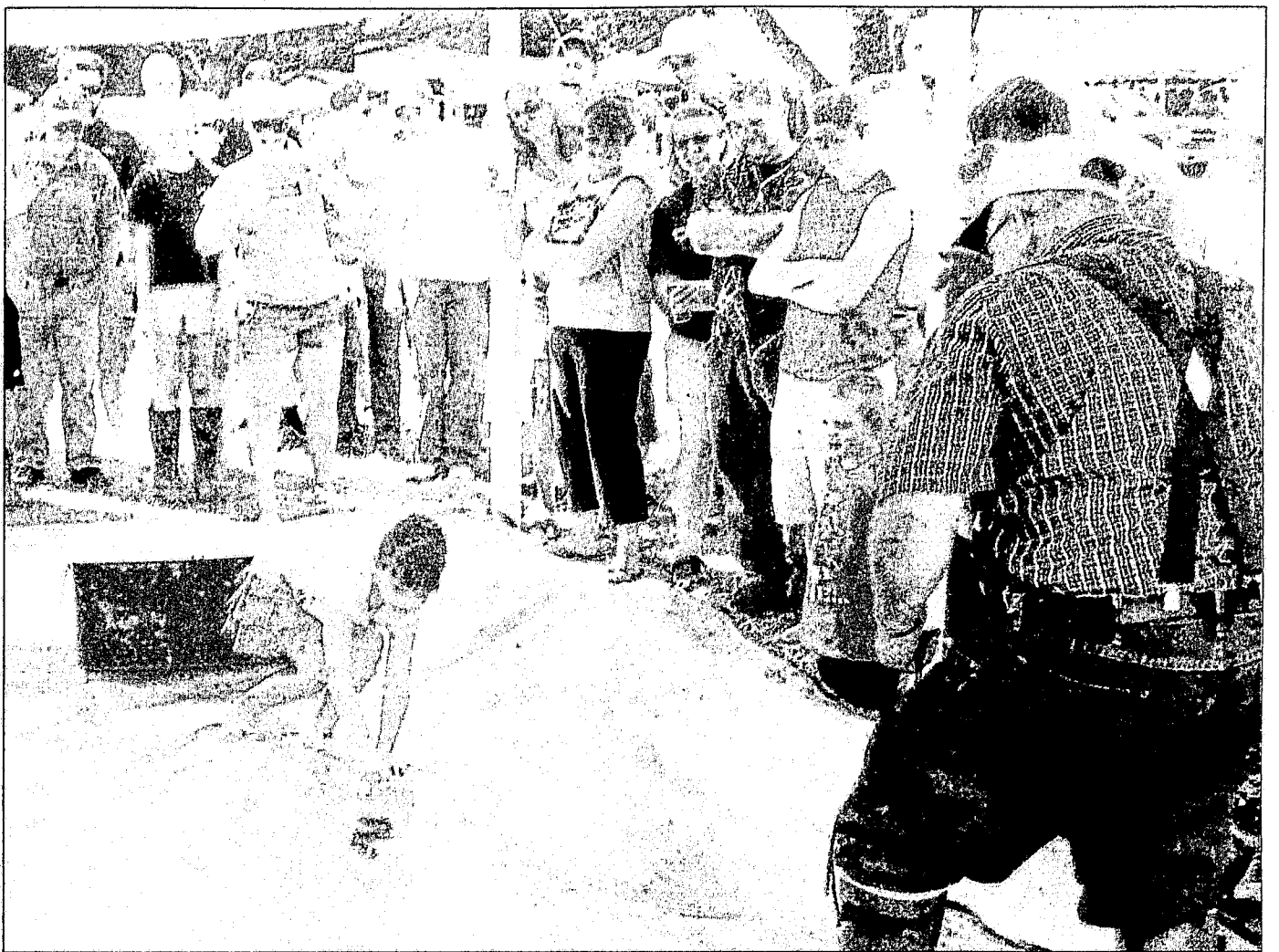
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EEL-CHASING AT TRAPPERS' WEEKEND-The 39th annual New England Trappers' Weekend took place this past weekend at Neil Olson's in East Bethel. The event features demonstrations, competitions and vendors for participants, some of whom camp in Olson's fields for the weekend. Here, in one competition, a young girl tries to corral an eel slithering on a wet sheet of plastic, in order to drop it into a picnic cooler.

D. Bennett

THS has new dean of students

BY AMY WIGHT CHAPMAN

The SAD 44 School Board Monday unanimously approved the nomination of Kristin Chambers Dacko as Telstar High School's new dean of students.

The position was previously held by Cheryl Lang, who was named last

month as the new principal of THS.

"We feel very, very fortunate to have such a great candidate to bring before you," Superintendent David Murphy told board members.

Dacko comes to the district from SAD 17, where she has worked for the past seven years and has

gained a variety of experience, he said.

"Kristin has had a very successful experience in SAD 17. She has been a department head, and she has been a team leader. She has been involved in a lot of leadership activities. She is currently a science teacher, and has been active in STEM (Science,

Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics)."

Through her work with SAD 17, Dacko has been involved with the Roberts Farm project, as well as with the 4-H Learning Center in Bryant Pond.

"She has a thorough knowledge of curriculum,

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SAD 44 agrees to mediation on Newry withdrawal issue

BY ALISON ALOISIO

The SAD 44 committee negotiating with Newry's Withdrawal Committee has agreed to mediation to try to come to a withdrawal agreement for Newry residents to consider.

The Newry panel had proposed the move.

"We are agreeing to mediation because it's the next best tool to resolve the

withdrawal challenges," SAD 44 committee Chairman Marcel Polak said Tuesday.

The two panels have been working since January to settle on how Newry's two dozen students would be educated, and on what financial arrangement Newry would have with SAD 44 should the town vote to leave the district.

But the Newry commit-

tee has recently claimed that its SAD 44 counterpart has been stalling and not negotiating in good faith, by offering counterproposals that would keep Newry essentially paying the same amount (about \$3 million) toward a SAD 44 education as it does now, and by not moving significantly from that stance. The Newry group has about \$19,000 left of the

\$50,000 approved by voters last year to spend on consultants and the process.

Polak said, however, that his committee has been negotiating in "best faith, with the interests of all the students and taxpayers of SAD 44 the priority."

"We are not trying to stall, we are not trying to run them out of money,"

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Town managers weigh in on withdrawal

The town managers of Bethel, Woodstock and Greenwood were asked this week for their views (and/or those of their selectboards) on the current Newry school withdrawal process and the potential departure of the town from SAD 44.

Christine Landes of Bethel said, "I, as Bethel's Town Manager, am very concerned about the potential impact this would have on the taxpayers of Bethel. The

Town's yearly budget is prepared by me, reviewed and analyzed by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee, and then finalized by the voters at town meeting. We try very hard to justify our expenses and realize that any increases in taxes are sometimes very difficult for taxpayers, so some line items are reduced, maintained or adjusted slightly yearly. If the Town of Bethel is asked to increase their portion of a school tax from

the withdrawal of Newry, it could potentially mean some town services will be affected in one form or another. The Selectmen are aware and concerned for the same reasons also.

"Reducing payments over time only delays the inevitable end. That amount of time would certainly allow us some planning years, but as I said in answer one, the budget is the budget and we can only work with what we may or may not possi-

bly have at any one point in time.

"Our legislative body elects our School Board members on the basis of merit that they will not only look out for the best interests of the children in the system, but also the taxpayers they represent. I, personally, have full faith in our school board to work through this issue and come to a resolution that all taxpayers can

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Letters

AIA Annual Meeting Sunday From the Newry Deputy Town Clerk's Desk

To the Editor:

The Albany Improvement Association (AIA) is holding its annual meeting this Sunday, Aug. 30 at 6 p.m. in the Albany Town House. This meeting is open to the public. (The Town House is located at the corner of Vernon Street and Hunt's Corner Road.)

The AIA is planning its annual yard sale for Saturday, Oct. 10. We are looking for donations; please call 824-2568.

Bob O'Brien
President, AIA

Lyme Conference Sept. 12

To the Editor:

On Saturday Sept. 12, the Mt. Valley Lyme Disease Awareness Coalition will hold its 4th Annual Lyme Conference. This year's day-long event will be held at Telstar Regional High School in Bethel and is open to the public. A \$10 donation at the door is appreciated but not mandatory. A portion of the donation monies will be shared with Dr. Mac Donald to help with his research costs.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m. Opening remarks given by State Representative Deb Sanderson at 9:45 followed by Maine's own Dr. Bea Szantyr with her always well received Lyme Basics, Tick Talk. Next up via satellite, Dr. Alan MacDonald, renowned Lyme Researcher will discuss his work, "Bb Research." The afternoon will include "Laughter Is the Best Medicine" with Gary Crocker Maine Humorist, Annual Award Presentations and the one and only Dr. Charles Ray Jones speaking about Lyme disease and kids. Closing remarks presented by Sharon Rose Vaznis at 4:45 p.m.

Lunch will be available for purchase on site through Crossroads Diner of Bethel. The conference is being recorded by the local access channel WHAT and you can order a set of DVDs for \$25 plus \$5 for shipping and handling.

Special accommodation rates have been arranged with Slopeside Rentals, 824-2920, and River View Resort, 824-2808, both in Bethel. Contact the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, 824-2282, for other lodging options.

The conference is sponsored in part by a grant from the Lyme Disease Association (lymediseaseassociation.org).

Here is the link to our Facebook event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1684701668416328/>

For more information and/or to pre-register please email mtvalleydac@yahoo.com.

Rhonda Buker and Diane Farnum
Conference co-founders

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and will support.

Said Woodstock Town Manager Vern Maxfield, "We feel that it is the biggest financial concern in our area in a long time. Unfortunately, it affects every taxpayer within the school district.

When the wind turbine project came to Woodstock we made a solid decision not to adopt Tax Increment Financing (TIF). We did not want the requirements of a TIF, that is to shelter the new valuation, to adversely affect Bethel, Greenwood, Andover and Newry financially. We were able to plan accordingly for the huge value increase when it would show on our state valuation two years later.

We would encourage Newry not to withdraw from the district for the same reason. From the outside looking in it seems clear that as it is now, the Sunday River Ski Area and the owners of second and third homes pay the largest share of Newry taxes, much as the wind turbine project and seasonal home owners pay Woodstock taxes. With a mill rate of approximately \$9.00 per thousand, it would appear that Newry's tax rate is very comfortable for all.

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Regarding possibly negotiating a new local funding formula to reduce Newry's share of the school budget in order to entice some Newry voters to vote against withdrawal, Maxfield said, "This would not be our preferred solution as the cost sharing formula for the school budget is driven by state regulation. We do have elected directors and the school administration to work through that process. If they would like input from the towns, I am sure we would be willing to participate and/or assist. Any change should be approved by all MSAD voters and not just Newry voters."

As for Newry's proposal to withdraw and then gradually reduce its payments to SAD 44 over 10 years, he said that arrangement would not be workable for Woodstock. "That would make budgeting on the school and town sides even more difficult," he said.

Greenwood Town Manager Kim Sparks was out of town this week and not available for a response.

BY KELLY SCOTT

The reconstruction and paving of Letter S area and Sunday River road should be complete this week. The end result of the project is a much wider, safer and smoother road. The plan is to add striping to the sides of the road to better indicate the parking areas, but where the summer is winding down; it makes more sense to wait until next year. The total project came in under budget, so we were able to fix and pave an additional 540 feet of road.

The Transfer Station upgrade to Zero-Sort Recycling is well under way. The compactors have been ordered. The new shed has been completed. We hope to see everything complete by the end of September or early October.

We have received a few complaints regarding signs (directing people to functions) being left up in medians and on road sides. While there is no formal ordinance regarding these kinds of signs, we ask the following: Please do not put signs on utility poles or road signs and please remove your sign NO later than 1 day after your event.

The town recently awarded \$100 camp scholarships to Galen Boyle-Wight, Carla Boyle-Wight, Jordan Berry and Peyton Berry.

We are looking ahead to winter already as we have placed our order for road salt from a program offered to municipalities through AVCOG. We anticipate the savings will be anywhere from \$3 to \$5 per ton. Every little bit of tax-dollar savings certainly will help.

We are currently in the process of applying for a Homeland Security Grant. This would provide funding for the installation of back-up generators for the Town Office and Fire Stations, so that they could be used in emergencies or disaster situations.

Just a reminder, taxes are due by Sept. 30. Don't forget we offer on-line payments, go to our website www.newrymaine.org.

The annual Newry Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, October 31 at the Grange Hall. We have forms here at the town office if you are interested in having a table.

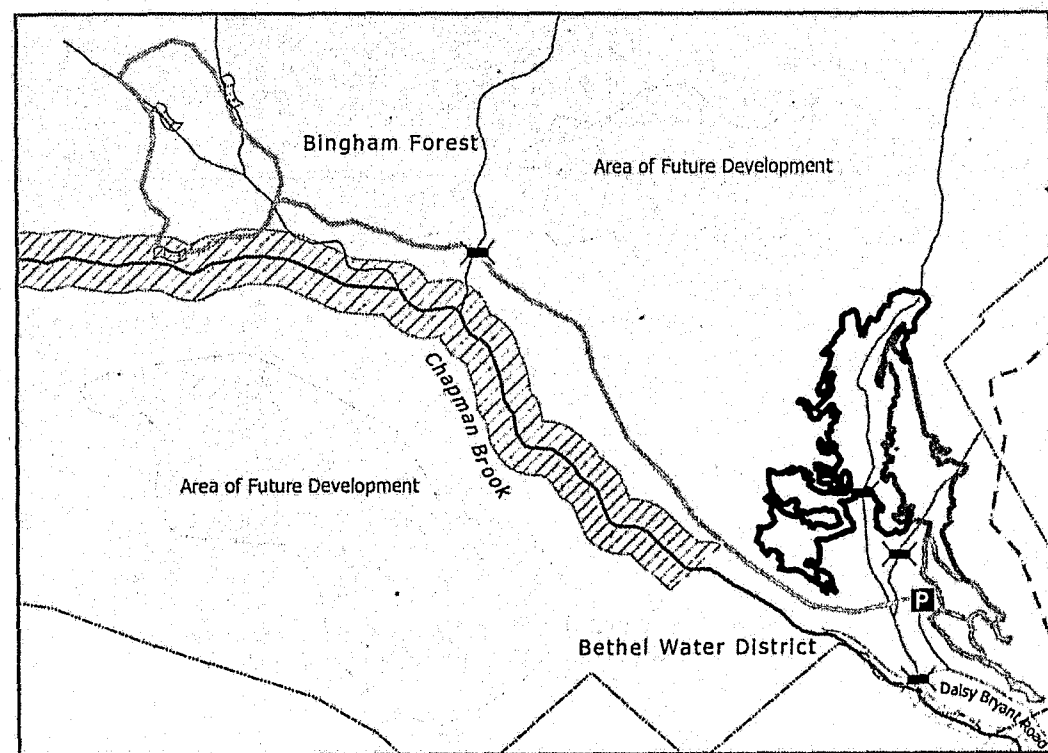
The next selectmen meetings are Tuesday, 9/1 and Tuesday, 9/15 at 5pm. Planning Board will meet Wednesday 9/2 and Wednesday 9/16 at 7pm.

Here's your historical tidbit from the Newry Archives: In 1903, permission was granted to Androscoggin Lakes Telephone and Telegraph Company to place lines and posts up the Bear River road; provided the posts were cedar, not less than 25 feet in length and not less than 5 inches in diameter.

Until next time....stay informed, ask questions and get involved!

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A map of the proposed trails on current Bethel Water District land, Phase 1 of the Bingham Forest project. The gray region is the project area, and the various shaded lines at right represent individual trails on the BWD land. The Daisy Bryant Road is in the lower right corner.

plan and potential recreation.

He said the BFA needed to go to court in order to clarify the road situation, but it would require the BFA to spend the money it has earned so far through logging on legal fees.

"It would be expensive," said Crockett, who is a lawyer. "We know we're going to have to spending wood money on that, which is unfortunate, because we would prefer to put it back into trails, like the town voted on. But we don't have a choice because we can't invest money in the trails, because what if we lose? ... We need to play it safe and conservative."

Road resident Tammy Davis also expressed concern about legal fees.

But regarding the road issue itself, she said, there is uncertainty about where the original, now-discontinued public road that was used to establish the easement ended.

She had said earlier this summer that if the town wanted to use the road, it should take it over and make it two lanes. However, she also said at last week's meeting that it seemed unlikely that all road residents would be willing to come to a compromise agreement with the town.

Crockett said everyone on the road would have to be "at the table," or have that opportunity, to get a legal solution.

Vern Davis wondered if the land could be turned into a community park, with use restricted to SAD 44 area residents. "We've never objected to local people going up there. They're respectful. Many of them stop and ask," he said.

Angevine and Crockett said a community park arrangement probably would not work under the terms of the consent

agreement.

A possible separate solution would be for the town to purchase, largely through grant funding, an adjacent property owned by Stag Properties. The Trust for Public Land is currently researching that option. But, said Angevine, "I feel like that's a lottery ticket," and not an alternative to be relied upon.

Crockett moved to recommend that a complete title search and survey of the road be done, and to go to court with a law firm with expertise that would be "most beneficial to the town."

Selectman Don Bennett, who also attended the meeting, said the BFA has already incurred a legal bill of about \$3,500, "and we just have been talking. I can see it multiplying very quickly." He added that the road residents would have the right to any legal research a town-hired attorney might do.

If the BFA loses in court, said Crockett, it would not be able to execute its charge to carry out the Bingham management plan. For that reason, said Angevine, the BFA would likely start the process to give the land to the state, though he also speculated that the state might decide to wait for a possible outcome from Stag.

The BFA is scheduled to file a report with the state on its progress on the management plan in December.

Crockett also said that as the consent decree was being negotiated in 2009, "other organizations tried to get [the land] before us, before the town did ... If we want local control, we need to come up with something."

Resident Howard Chapman said, however, that he believed if the Bingham management plan was put to Bethel voters

again now, they would vote it down.

But Trustee John DeVivo said, "I just can't believe if you were even to take this to town vote, that you're going to get a positive vote for handing this piece of property over to the state."

Crockett said if the property did go back to Maine and it was turned into a game sanctuary, hunters would lose the right to hunt there. "They're going to be ripped," he said.

Currently, that right continues on the land and is guided by standard Maine law, Crockett said.

Angevine said if the state ended up with the property, it might give it to the Bureau for Public Lands, which handles the state's public land.

Bennett said the BFA might need to tell Maine in December that it is in the middle of a "process" and the state would have to wait for that to play out.

A member of the audience asked Angevine if he lived on the road, if he would want the traffic for the trails going by.

"No, I wouldn't," said Angevine.

Trustees also got an update from Mahosuc Pathways, the nonprofit that was contracted to build the trails in the forest. Stephanie LeBlanc said crews had been close to completing the first section of trail when work was stopped. She said all fundraising, marketing and public awareness activities about the trails has also stopped because of the uncertain future of the land. About \$15,000 had been raised, she said.

The authority also decided to have Angevine meet with road residents to assess any damage that may have been done by the BFA in the course of the trail work this summer, and try to come up with an equitable solution.

Our Back Pages

BY DANNA BROWN NICKERSON

10 years ago: Crescent Park School kindergarten teacher Mary Merrill was named Maine's Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year.

The Upton Ladies Aide held a successful Craft Sale and bake sale.

Deaths: Keith L. Wing, William W. Probert.

20 years ago: Scuba diver Jim Bennett was able to remove debris that had jammed the gate of the dam at Gilbert Manufacturing so it could be closed, reducing the flow of water from North, South and Round ponds by about 75 percent.

The summer construction project of widening and paving Route 26 between the P.H. Chadbourne mill and Locke Mills Market was completed.

Deaths: Allison L. Benson, C. Warren Brown.

30 years ago: Nearly 2,000 people from all over North America attended Neil Olson's annual New England Trappers' Weekend.

Cal and Helen Reavis purchased the Bryant Pond Village Store from George and Thelma Hooper.

Birth: Michael Joseph Hoy.

Death: Archie A. Stevens.

40 years ago: A concert of music written by American composers was presented by the Bethel Bicentennial Choir with Edward H. Hastings, organist and director.

Work was progressing on the new Head Start center in the old West Bethel School building.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Daniel Forbes celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

50 years ago: The Godwin chicken house in Mayville was nearing completion and delivery of around 30,000 chickens was expected soon.

Bethel was hit by a freeze Aug. 30, with temperatures dropping below 30 degrees. Crops were damaged in many areas.

Birth: Julie Hastings.

Deaths: Mrs. Roger Brown, Howard Rollins Ives, M.D., Alfred W. Hart.

60 years ago: New faculty members at Gould Academy were Miss Alice M. Colby, French; Miss Emily Tickell, Director of Physical Education for girls; and Wendell Brewster, science and mathematics.

Louis Paul finished work as projectionist at Bethel Theatre. Dwight H. Stora of Portland was the new projectionist.

Birth: Jill Hutchins.

Deaths: Antonena Vetquosky, Thomas L. Brooks.

70 years ago: Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Wentzell moved to their home, recently purchased, in Gorham, N.H.

The "Brick Block" was sold to A.J. Rozek of Berlin, N.H. Death: Mrs. Anna Myrtle Barnett.

80 years ago: The kitchen at the Methodist Church was remodeled. The members of the Mothers Club painted the room.

Bethel, Middle Intervale, and East Bethel Farm Bureaus held a joint flower show at Bethel Grange Hall.

Death: Mrs. Ida Maines Brown.

90 years ago: A crew of men was working on the Brown Co.'s land in Gilead for the control of the White Pine Blister Rust.

A popular rugged "hike" was to climb Mt. Spec. It rises about 2,700 feet in about 2 miles.

Dr. W.B. Twaddle won the men's prize in a handicapped golf tournament on the Bethel Inn course.

Death: Herbert M. Kendall.

110 years ago: The Mountain Rills held their twentieth annual entertainment and fair at the town hall, Gilead.

The Bartlett family held their annual reunion at Indian Rock Camps with about 40 in attendance.

Death: Mrs. Samuel Whitney.

120 years ago: Prof. Chapman bought the schoolhouse at Mayville, had it moved and connected to his barn for a carriage house.

Business was brisk at the chair factory.

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and an interest in investing in her own community of Bethel," Murphy said, adding, "She is a Bethel resident and is excited to be working in her own backyard."

Dacko was chosen from among 13 initial applicants for the position by a committee consisting of Lang, TMS Principal Mark Kenney, and THS Science Teacher Sarah Southam. The committee conducted interviews of four candidates.

Two candidates met for second interviews with Murphy, Lang, and Assistant Superintendent Paula Leavitt, who unanimously selected Dacko.

"I am excited to join the SAD 44 community," said Dacko, who told the School Board that she and her husband have lived in Bethel for the past six years and are committed to the area.

"I've been very fortunate over the last seven years to work for SAD 17, and they've given me plenty of opportunities to shine, so I'm excited to bring that here, and to work with Cheryl [Lang] again, as we did work together in the past," she said.

Murphy said Dacko will be given a two-year contract with a total salary of \$51,078 in the first year. This follows the format, established when the Dean of Students position was created, of "placement on the appropriate salary schedule, plus a \$10,000 stipend," he said.

Dacko will receive the same benefits as other district administrators, including full health insurance coverage for up to two adults. The salary for the second year of the contract will be negotiated following completion of the first year.

Murphy told the board that Dacko is currently still employed by SAD 17, which, under the terms of her contract, can hold her for up to 30 days.

"They will be working to see if they can release her earlier than that," he said, noting, "it's just something that happens when someone who is currently employed by another district gets hired after August 1."

Other staff changes
Murphy told the Board that former THS Dean of Students Charles Raymond, who retired from that position at the end of the 2013-14 school year, will return to Telstar as the alternative learning activities coordinator, an Ed Tech 3 position that is funded primarily through the district's Gear Up grant.

The Board approved the nomination of Woodstock Elementary School Grade Two Teacher Sara Johnson to a second-year probationary contract for the 2015-16 school year.

Due to a reduction in staff, Murphy said, "Sara was the only teacher at the end of last year that we were not able to bring back."

However, the resignation of CPS Grade One Teacher Tiffany Colby and the transfer of Megan Smith to that position from WES allowed Johnson to be called back to the same position she held during the previous school year.

Directors also approved the nominations of Tamara Douglas, TMS special education teacher; Robert Dow, TMS science teacher; and Kathleen Chiasson, CPS third grade teacher.

Douglas, who is certified in special education, has been a long-term substitute at RSU 16 in Poland and has worked with special needs students at the Spurwink School.

Dow has 20 years of experience as a middle school science teacher and coach. He will fill a position vacated by former TMS Science Teacher William Caddigan, who has taken over the TMS Title I staff position, Murphy said.

Chiasson has been a long-term substitute at CPS, serving on two separate occasions for as long as 14 weeks, and is very familiar with the school's



Kristin Dacko.

A. Wight Chapman

procedures and reporting systems, said former CPS Teaching Principal Levi Brown.

The following were approved as curriculum leaders for the 2015-16 school year: Grades K-5 Math, Tanya Nicols and Jessica Wilkey; Grades K-5 Science, Tonya Prentice; Grades 6-8 Humanities, Lindsay Luetje; Grades 6-8 Math, Tammy Davis; Grades 6-8 Science, Kate Slattery; Grades 9-12 English, Melissa Poston; Grades 9-12 Social Studies, David Leclerc; Grades 9-12 Math, Susan Owens; Grades 9-12 Science, Sarah Southam.

Murphy announced the resignations of Colby and CPS Ed Tech 3 Deanna Bennett.

THS math position still open

The Board tabled action on approval of a math teacher for THS due to a lack of candidates.

"We're very concerned. We've been advertising for a math teacher for a couple of months now," said Murphy, who told directors that applicants have already found jobs by the time their applications have been received.

He said the district will continue to seek a high school math teacher, but has also advertised for math ed techs to support THS Math Teacher Susan Owens in the event one cannot be found.

If a math teacher is hired, Murphy said, that person would be brought in first as a long-term substitute, pending approval of the Board at their Sept. 14 meeting.

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he said. "We feel we are negotiating in the best interest of all students and taxpayers in SAD 44. We really don't want to rush this process. There's too much at stake. They [the Newry panel] want to move this quickly, and it's too complicated to do that."

Newry has proposed gradually reducing its share of the school budget over the 10 years after withdrawal, to spread out the impact on the other three district towns. But Polak said that impact would still be there during and after 10 years, and would likely result in significant budget cuts.

"The core issue is fairness," he said, noting that the many second home owners in Newry are better able to pay taxes than many local residents. "Local residents have much lower median incomes than second home owners," he said. "To shift the taxes to local residents is regressive."

Polak noted that Dana Bullen, president and general manager of Sunday River Resort, has taken a public position against Newry withdrawal.

A good public education, said Polak, is key for students, particularly those coming from lower income families, to be able to move up "the economic ladder."

Polak cited his own experience as the reason for

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throwing around the idea of a bistro night, with a limited menu that we could change easily," Raymond said.

"And it's working unbelievably well," Hughes added.

A fixed price on Sundays includes a craft beer or a glass of the house wine, a course of tapas, and the entree special, which in recent weeks has been as varied as fried chicken, pad thai, or jambalaya.

Although other menu items are available, about 80 percent of diners choose the special, which often sells out.

The Hughes come to Bistro Night for dinner nearly every Sunday, but stay out of the kitchen.

"We like being able to give them a night off to enjoy their place in a different way," Raymond said.

A team in the kitchen
With Raymond in the kitchen is his partner, Rhode Island native Jasmine Boisvert. They met in 2012 while working at the New York Yacht Club's waterfront facility in Newport, RI.

"We started on the same day," said Boisvert. "I was front of house to his back of house."

Translation: she served the hors d'oeuvres that Raymond created in the kitchen.

The two quickly discovered that they made a great team, and have been together ever since.

Unlike Raymond, who is a professionally trained chef, Boisvert is a recent graduate of Salve Regina University, where she studied English literature, creative writing, and film.

"Nothing to do with food," she said with a laugh.

But both are innovative, eager to take on new challenges, and willing to work hard to succeed. And both were interested in a change of pace and ready to work in a small restaurant, one where they can invite their families to come for meals.

"We had done the big



Andrew Raymond and Jasmine Boisvert in the kitchen of the Mill Hill Inn.

A. Wight Chapman

tourist town, the big weddings," Raymond said. "Neither of us wanted to be in the food industry the way big restaurants do it."

At the Mill Hill Inn, Hughes said, "Everything is made in-house."

Boisvert is taking over as pastry chef, crafting homemade desserts like peach pie, made with local, seasonal ingredients. She also bakes the fresh cinnamon buns that Hughes serves to his breakfast guests.

When she and Raymond moved to Bethel in the spring, they tilled a plot for a garden and planted herbs and vegetables, many of which, like the produce Hughes grows in his own garden, find their way to the restaurant kitchen and onto the menu.

From music to food
When Raymond left Bethel after high school, he didn't set out to be a chef.

Always passionate about music, he studied music education at Berklee College of Music in Boston for two years, before his interest in the culture, preparation, and presentation of food led him down a different career path.

He enrolled at the Cambridge School of Culinary Arts and completed an intensive six-month program.

Upon graduation from culinary school, he realized that his interest in food extended beyond the kitchen, to the origin of the ingredients used to prepare meals.

"I wanted to use the best ingredients, and I had picked up an interest in gardening," he said. "So instead of going on to cook in a Boston restaurant, I went to a farm."

The farm where Raymond ended up as field manager was a fledgling not-for-profit organic food hub at the historic Sylvester Manor on New York's Shelter Island.

He got in on the ground floor of the development of a unique educational farm whose mission, according to its website, is "inviting new thought about the importance of food, culture and place in our daily lives."

Remarkably, his work on the farm gave him a way to combine his background in music with his more recently discovered passion for the culture of food.

Sylvester Manor Educational Farm's found-

er, Bennett Konesni, had spent many years studying traditional work songs, traveling the world to learn how music was used by fisherman, slaves, and farmers in their work.

From the beginning, Konesni incorporated music into the daily life of the farm, teaching work songs to the crew and students to sing in the fields and hosting an annual two-day Plant and Sing Festival each October, when the garlic crop is planted and fall crops are harvested, all to the accompaniment of traditional music.

Raymond spent three years helping to build the non-profit farm before he left in 2012 to gain his first professional kitchen experience.

After cooking on a large scale at the New York Yacht Club, he is happy to have the opportunity to work in a kitchen with a somewhat slower pace, to choose the freshest local ingredients whenever possible, and to experiment with food.

"We're allowed to be creative, and have some fun," he said.

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Briefly

Woman killed in Hunts Corner crash from N.H.

WATERFORD-Police said last week that speed and alcohol were factors behind a single-vehicle crash that left one woman dead near the Papoose Pond Campground on Hunts Corner Road last Wednesday evening. The victim in the crash was 55 year old, Diane Stiles from Randolph, N.H. Oxford County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Hart Daley said police from multiple agencies arrived at the scene around 9:30 p.m. and discovered the driver of the vehicle deceased. A search of the area by multiple fire and rescue personnel using thermal imaging devices found no other people involved, Daley said. A crash reconstruction found that speed and alcohol were involved.

Produce at Rotary booth

BETHEL-The Bethel Rotary Club is again offering its free produce booth at 60 Elm Street in Bethel. Gardeners with vegetables to share may drop them off, while those who do not have gardens may pick up what they need. Open 24 hours.

Tri-County baseballers national runners-up

BY NATHAN FOURNIER,
SUN MEDIA

It was a long 10-hour drive from Jamestown, N.Y., to Poland on Sunday for the Tri-County 13U baseball team. When the team crossed the Poland town line after 640-plus miles, the players saw flashing blue lights.

No one got a ticket, but the Boys of Summer of Tri-County were wanted for a celebration as they were coming home from the Babe Ruth 13U World Series

where they finished as runner-ups. The final 15 miles of their trip was a police car, fire truck and ambulance escort to the Gouin Complex in Paris where family, friends and community members were waiting to give them a warm welcome home.

The escort was the idea of Joe Trybus who is CEO of the Board of the Tri-County Babe Ruth League late Saturday night.

"This is awesome right here. We came up with this idea about 8 o'clock last night," Trybus said. "The fact this all got pulled together and we got this many people out here to support their return. It just says a lot about our community and the support for our young people."

Head coach Tom Morton, who was in charge of driving the team bus, was mostly left in the dark for plans to welcome the team.

"They loved it," Tri-County coach Tom Morton said of the players' reaction to escort. "On ride home they were asking all these questions what was going to happen. They didn't really know. I really didn't know what was going to happen. It was pretty neat. They really enjoyed it. I am glad the community was able to pull it off on a short noticed."

Morton enjoyed the second wind after getting the escort on the stretch drive home.

Despite losing 21-0 in the finals on Saturday to Tri-Valley, Calif., there will be many memories of the last week and half. They finished the tournament with a 4-2 record.

That's what it's really about. These kids don't really realize what kind of memories they have yet," Trybus said. "As you know, when you are young, you don't even catch it."

"It's definitely not a disappointing experience to be in the World Series final — regardless the outcome. A bunch of rural communities in Western Maine, we were playing teams much larger than us and have the ability to play year-round. To come up runners-up, that's not disappointing."

Tri-County was made up of 11 kids from Norway, Paris, Harrison, Waterford, Woodstock, Bethel, Bridgton, Rumford, Lovell and Oxford while Tri-Valley was drawing from cities and towns outside San Jose.

The athletes have been playing together the last three years and have made it to the New England regional's three straight times in Cal Ripken baseball as state champions.

"We play together as a

team and that really helps us," Charlie Morton said. "The defense, everyone was better. When we are cheering each other on, it helps us out."

The Babe Ruth World Series doesn't offer the glitz and glamour that their Little League counterpart does with their World Series being televised on the ESPN family of networks.

"It's such an experience; one to make it to the World Series, and secondly to succeed to make it to the championship game took tremendous amount of focus and discipline not to get distracted," Tom Morton said.

The first day they got the World Series they had a skills competition and on the second day a parade. Right after the parade, they had to play their first game which was against Tri-Valley in which Tri-County won 6-5.

The kids also stayed with host families in the Jamestown community throughout the tournament. They were used to the accommodations since they played Cal Ripken baseball the last few years.

Bethel area players included Tyler Hill of Bethel and Wyatt Williamson of Woodstock. Gary Williamson was one of the team's coaches.

Town News

Bethel

By Donald G. Bennett



At Barker Mountain Bikes
With the dream of owning a bike shop, the Seib family is excited by the opportunity to use Barker Mountain Bikes as a way to encourage more people to do the sport they love as well as use the shop as an outlet for their race team. The Seibs have partnered with NEXT Wheels, based out of Burlington, and Specialized bikes to start up their own year round cycling team. The concept behind the team as described by Don Seib is a team built around the partnership of junior and master racers. He hopes this will encourage growth among juniors in the sport. The Seibs hope they can use the shop to grow enthusiasm for biking in local youth as well. Inside, the shop is stocked with everything from cruisers to road bikes to mountain bikes, even some fat bikes for fun winter riding. They see lots of cycling potential in Bethel as well as in the surrounding Mahoosuc communities.

New and old faces at Barker Mountain Bikes are: Eric Stephenson, mechanic; owner Don Seib and owner/manager Kristen Seib; and employees Melissa and Donnie Seib.

Note: Out front the new sign's logo came from an Internet re-branding contest with the winner being an individual in India. Change in ownership took place in March.

Simon and Garfunkel
Last Monday night's PBS special (fundraising time) featured Simon and Garfunkel's 1981 Central Park Concert where five hundred thousand people came to hear them. At the time, I was thinking Art Garfunkel stayed at the River View some time ago. I remembered seeing a photo of Rene McGrew and Art Garfunkel in the River View lobby. Next I asked if I could get a copy of the photo and Chad sent me a copy with the story of when and how this happened.

"The date was May 1, 2004 btw. He came up to the desk with a hat on and wanted a room. Rene asked his last name and he said Garfunkel. She typed that in and said, first name? He said Art. She said really? He said really. She held it together long enough to run screaming up



Don Katlin at the Bethel Water Treatment plant monitors the system performance. D. Bennett



Rene McGrew and Art Garfunkel at the River View Resort May 1, 2004. D. Bennett

to my office, "You won't believe who's checking in!"

Trappers Weekend No. 39

Saturday had great weather for all the visitors from far and near at Trappers. At one of the craft stands I saw a man stringing a hand crafted snowshoe. He was from Rangeley and I asked him if he was familiar with the name Demeritt who was Bethel's best known snowshoe maker. And, I was somewhat surprised because he did know the name and the style of snowshoe Owen Demeritt was known for. Owen Demeritt (1866-1952) was a name that had achieved folklore status in the Sunday River and Bethel area during the first half of the Twentieth Century. More reading see http://www.thebetheljournals.info/Sunday_river/Demeritt_Place.pdf.

The gentleman with a very large collection of moose antlers was there from Byron (genuine local person) and a member of the Ladd family; he knows Arthur Ladd and others of the family. He told me that the antlers (there were 30 or more singles and sets) all came from around Byron. He said that at night

sometimes there are more moose on the road (Route 17) than cars. One time on our way through Byron from Rangeley we stopped beside a moose on the road. She looked at us through the driver's window and we looked at her then we cautiously moved on.

This weekend at Neil Olson's always seems to be an easy time for socializing. For those who come as day visitors you get to see a great variety of trapping, crafts and woods related gear. Some were there from West Virginia and the other eastern states. A special event for kids is a catch an eel contest similar to Molykett Day's frog jumping contest. Well over 20 kids had signed up for it. When I asked the man running the show if the eels were Bethel eels, he said "They are Maine eels."

Rain the day before had created what the young woman handling ticket sales called a "mud issue" on the interior roads. I parked along the main road. But the rain had not hurt walking and the fields were in good shape. Happenings at Trappers Weekend are best seen via photos. For this year's weekend

see: <http://www.thebetheljournals.info/Trappers39.htm>.

Water System Monitoring

Recently Don Katlin showed me how he uses his smart phone to monitor conditions at the Bethel Water District water treatment plant on the North Road. At the plant a computer system is continually updating a number of functions and reports them via a graphic display of the system. For example the screen shows depth of water in each of the five wells in use and also the depth of water at the Paradise Road reservoir. The same information is available to Katlin when he calls up the webpage on

his smart phone eliminating the need to drive to the water treatment plant.

At the Bethel Waste Water (aka Sewer) Treatment Plant

Rob Gundersen had been tasked with coming up with a list of repairs and an estimate of costs required to keep the 2000 GMC (15 years old) pickup used at the treatment plant. Currently 30 items are on the replace or repair list. Some of the major ones are replacing the engine, the transmission and rear end. So this issue is will the town bite the bullet and get a new truck or pour more money into the 15 year old one? Mr. Gundersen told me that the truck is owned by the tax-

payers not just the sewer customers.

Celebrating WW II VJ Day 70 Years Ago

When VJ Day news made it to Bethel on Aug. 15, a spontaneous celebration took off. What I remember happening that night was I had gone to the movies. When I came out after the movie, there was a big crowd up and down Main Street. As I stepped out of Bethel Theater a huge truck or tractor tire came bouncing down the street. Everyone was cheering then another tire came flying along. My cousins and I went to the Bethel Restaurant for ice cream sundaes. Looking back later, I never thought of celebrating by



The Way I See It

BY SHARON BOUCHARD

They say an apple a day keeps the doctor away. They say there is no such thing as a sure thing. They say that if it's too good to be true it probably isn't. I believe most of that, but who in heck are THEY???

They have been passing on bits of wisdom and sometimes gossip for many, many years. Since I have never heard exactly who they are I decided to do some research and see if I could find out just who they are. I could not find any specific names, but I did find out that in many cases they do not know what they're talking about.

For example they say you shouldn't swim for at least an hour after eating because you'll get cramps and drown. As it turns out that is not so. According to physiologist Arthur Steinhaus, there has never been a documented case of a drowning from cramps induced by swimming after eating. Though I don't know how Steinhaus arrived at that fact as he listed no references I do know that the American Red Cross no longer warns of the dangers of eating and swimming immediately thereafter.

I suspect that it's probably not a great idea to do any strenuous activity on a full stomach, but that, in my opinion, has a lot more to do with discomfort and body functions than it does with drowning.

They also seem to think they know that chocolate causes acne, but apparently they're wrong. James Fulton, a dermatologist with the Acne

Research Institute (yes there is such an institute, I don't make them up) did a controlled test using 65 acne-prone young people.

Every day for four weeks part of the group ate a mega-chocolate bar with 10 times the normal amount of chocolate. The other members of the test group were fed a dummy bar. Halfway through the test the bars were switched. None of the test subjects knew what bar he or she was eating and none suffered an increase of zits. However, they collectively gained 3,500 pounds... well, I did make

They say there are no two snowflakes alike, but they are wrong again and there are pictures to prove it.

the poundage up.

They say there are no two snowflakes alike, but they are wrong again and there are pictures to prove it. Nancy Knight, a scientist with the National Center of Atmospheric Research just happened to take pictures in which two snowflakes were identical in every aspect. She went on to explain that the shape of snowflakes is determined by the temperature when they are formed, the amount of water vapor available and the speed at which they fall.

If the flakes are formed when they are attached to the same crystal, they share the same history,

thus creating identical twin snowflakes. I really don't care whether they are alike or not, I just hope that we don't see too many of the darn things this winter.

Here's one for all you separated lovers. They say that absence makes the heart grow fonder. However they are a little contradictory because they also say out of sight out of mind. It would seem that you cannot have it both ways and believe it or not there has been some research done into this too, probably with a large taxpayer grant.

Phillip Saver of the University of Denver surveyed 400 college students and found that in most cases the students grew closer to their families and farther apart from their high school sweethearts when away from home. I could have told them this without having to do any survey. I should have gotten the grant money.

They say time flies when you're having fun. This, of course, cannot be. There are 60 seconds in a minute, 60 minutes in an hour and 24 hours in every day. So the theory of time flying is relative to the circumstances. Whenever I have to go somewhere and I'm running late it certainly does seem that time flies, but it's actually me just lagging behind.

The way I see it, it really doesn't matter what they say or who they are. They don't have a whole lot to do with me and I certainly doubt they read this column. But then again... you know what they say.

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Bethel

By Nancy Brown



Responsible Pet Care of Oxford Hills is having an Open House on Saturday, Aug. 29, to cel-

brate the renovations made at the new shelter. RPC provides shelter and adoption services for both cats and dogs in Oxford County. The Open House will include tours of the shelter, a dog training exhibition, refreshments, door prizes, an auction and 50/50 drawing. And, of course, guests will get to meet adoptable animals.

Gifts for the animals are always welcome, especially dog and cat food. If you want to know what supplies the shelter needs this week, call them at 743-8879. The Open House is from 1 to 4 p.m. at the shelter at 9 Swallow Road in South Paris. Swallow Road is directly across High Street from Paris Elementary School.

Bethel Animal Hospital is collecting dog and cat food for Responsible Pet Care. Pet food donations can be left in the entry way of the animal hospital at 179 Walkers Mills Road in Bethel. If you schedule a nail trimming for your pet with a technician, it is free if you bring a donation of pet food. Call the animal hospital at 824-2212 for information.

There are two CROP Hunger Walk events coming up in Bethel. The annual international CROP walks are community-wide events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by churches, businesses and schools to raise money to combat hunger. Last year there were 1,300 CROP Hunger Walks worldwide. A kick-off potluck supper will be held Sunday, Aug. 30, at 6 p.m. at the West Parish Congregational Church. Amanda Moran will talk about Edible Bethel and Rev. Dick Bennett will speak about his recent trip to the Kakamega Orphanage in Kenya. Registration materials for the walk will be available at the supper. The actual CROP Hunger Walk is Sunday, Sept. 27, starting at noon at the West Parish Congregational Church. Seventy-five percent of the money raised at the walk will go to international hunger relief funds; 25 percent will go to the Bethel Area Food Pantry.

Did you know there's a free 24-hour garden produce booth at 60 Elm Street? The booth is sponsored by the Rotary. If you don't have a garden and want produce, pick some up here. If you have an abundance of garden produce, drop it off here to share with your neighbors.

This area has an abundance of beautiful late summer wild flowers. My mother and I visited Pooh Corner Farm on Sunday. The



New and old faces at Barker Mountain Bikes are: Eric Stephenson, mechanic; owner Don Seib and owner/manager Kristen Seib; and employees Melissa and Donnie Seib. D. Bennett

fields around the farm and greenhouses are covered with a carpet of bright yellow hawkweed. Owner Carole Duplessis told us they decided not to cut the fields because the flowers were so beautiful.

Back home along the edges of our meadow I found a patch of blue-violet narrow leaved gentians. There are several kinds of gentians that grow in Oxford County's wet meadows and marshy areas. The gentians all have deep blue or purple blossoms and range in height from 4 inches to 4 feet. The common height is about a foot. They bloom from late August until November. Unfortunately, the fringed gentians and bottle gentians are both becoming extremely rare and should not be picked.

If you have news to share, please e-mail me at brownnancy1950@gmail.com.

East Bethel

By Wally Ritz



Looking at the calendar, I just realized that in two weeks is Labor Day. I am not happy about summer being almost over, yet am sure many parents

are. Trappers' Weekend at Neil Olson was a great success again. The heavy rain on Friday did make things a bit tough though. One neighbor told me she was disappointed to only barely hear the band from her porch this year.

The Dream Team (a fundraising team for AHCH's Hospice House 5K and Remembrance Walk) is going to be helping out at the Greenwood Fire Department's annual Fish Fry on Friday, Aug. 28. The Greenwood Fire Department has agreed to share in the proceeds by making a donation to The Dream Team to be used towards their 2016 HH5K fundraising goal! The Dream Team will also be having a 50/50 raffle. It starts at 3 p.m. at the Greenwood Fire Station. Those of you who have never gone to one of their Fish Fries, you are missing out on a great meal at a decent price.

Please, share your news and call me at 507-1008 or e-mail heinrichcracker@gmail.com.

Have a great week.

Andover

By Jane C. Rich



Volunteers are wanted for a community work day at Andover Elementary School this Saturday (Aug. 29) starting at 9 a.m. There will be jobs

for all, no special skills required, but if you have expertise they'll make use of it. Everything from painting to cleaning buses to concrete repair to sprucing up the playground.

Transfer Station news: TVs will be picked up from the Transfer Station on Aug. 31, so if you have an old TV to dispose of this would be the time to take care of it. You will need to present your punch card which was and will be included in your tax bill or is available at the Town Office. Shredded paper is being accepted for recycling provided it is in a clear plastic bag which should be slit as it is deposited in the recycling bin. This is a requirement from the firm that handles our recyclables. Please do not leave your refuse outside the gate. Trash should only be disposed of during regular Transfer Station hours which are Tuesday 2 to 4 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Sunday 7 a.m. to noon.

A reminder: The Planning Board meets on the first and third Mondays of the month at the Town Office at 7 p.m. If you're planning to build anything please come to a meeting and make an application for it. Do not drop off your application at the Town Office, because the board may have a question or two about your plan and it will just get delayed if you're not there to explain.

The Food Pantry continues to serve the people of Andover.

OCSD Patrol Log

Tuesday, Aug. 18

At 11:22 a.m. Deputy Dere MacDonald stopped a vehicle on Route 26 in Bethel for no inspection sticker. After verifying information that the driver was suspended, a summons was issued.

At 5:42 p.m. Deputy Steve Witham did a traffic stop on Mason Street in Bethel. The driver was summonsed for operating after suspension.

Wednesday, Aug. 19

At 3:05 p.m. a caller reported finding a prescription of Suboxone, with the label scratched off, on the ground at the boat launch in West Bethel. Deputy Dere MacDonald was assigned.

At 4:37 p.m. Cpl. George Cayer and Deputy Steve Witham responded to a burglary in progress in Newry. The subject fled before the officers arrived, possibly scared off by the keyholder.

Thursday, Aug. 20

At 9:36 a.m. a subject turned himself in for questioning at the Bethel substation. Information was gathered by Deputy Andy Whitney and passed along to the investigating deputy.

At 12:39 p.m. Deputies Andy Whitney and Richard Murray responded to Newry for a report of a vehicle down over an embankment. The driver had left the vehicle in Drive and it drove down about 50 feet before coming to rest. There was minor damage and no injuries.

At 2:33 p.m. a caller on the West Bethel Road in Bethel reported being harassed and threatened. Deputy Chris McAllister was assigned.

At 4:42 p.m. a caller on Rocky Road in Woodstock reported a boat taken from North Pond within the past three days. Deputy Chris Davis responded.

At 7:08 p.m. Deputies Matt McDonnell and Dere MacDonald responded to Mason Street for a report of a dispute. A report was taken for assault.

Friday, Aug. 21

At 11:32 a.m. a Bethel property owner reported his lot had been stripped of all the trees. The owner was given information for the Maine Forest Service.

Saturday, Aug. 22

At 4:33 a.m. Deputy Dere MacDonald received a report from Mason Street in Bethel of ongoing harassment with a cease harassment notice in effect. The suspect was served a summons for harassment.

At 4:41 p.m. Deputy Steve Witham contacted a subject owning rental property on Main Street in Bethel regarding a theft complaint. A full report was planned for later.

At 6:35 p.m. Sgt. Tim Holland and Deputy Nathan Bowie responded to Lake Road in Woodstock for a report of subjects drinking at the public swimming area. No one was there when they arrived.

Sunday, Aug. 23

At 6:32 p.m. the Maine Warden Service requested additional units to help with a search for two subjects lost in the woods. They were checking property off Route 232 and lost their bearings. They were located by wardens on a nearby trail.

Monday, Aug. 24

At 3:27 p.m. Deputy Dere MacDonald responded to the intersection of Vernon and Main streets in Bethel for a two-vehicle crash. Both vehicles received minor damage.

At 4:48 a.m. Deputies Josh Aylward, Steve Witham and Matt McDonnell responded to a domestic disturbance on Songo Pond Road in Albany. After investigation a subject was arrested for domestic violence assault.

OCSD Jail Log

Aug. 24, 6:46 a.m. Christopher L. Dougherty, 34, of Albany, DV assault; by Deputy Josh Aylward in Albany.

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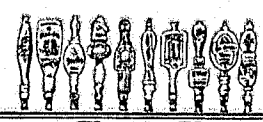
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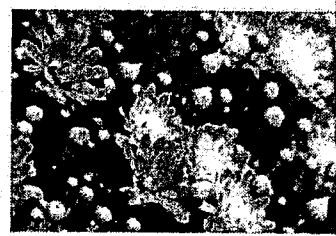
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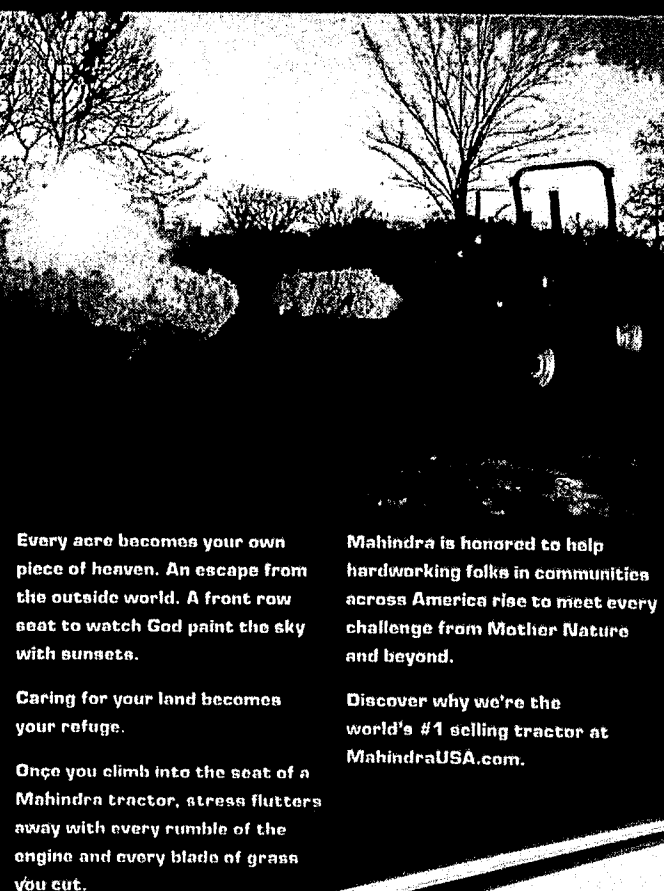
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ver, Upton, Roxbury and Byron with regular hours being 9 to 10 a.m. on Tuesday mornings. Deliveries from the Good Shepherd Food Bank come on the first and third Mondays of the month. Help is always appreciated, so if you have an hour or two to give to these endeavors just show up at the church by the common. Your help is appreciated.

Pickle Ball players will resume games on Tuesday and Thursday evening at the Tennis Court on Main Street. If it is raining games will be cancelled.

There will be a memorial service in honor of Lester Thurston on Saturday, Sept. 5 at 10:30 a.m. at the First Congregational Church with Pastor Linda Couture and Rev. Jane Rich officiating. Lester was a regular summer visitor to Andover for almost all of his 92 years and sang in the church choir as well as did solos with Ivy Thurston at the keyboard of the organ.

The Selectmen-Assessors have committed the taxes for 2015 with a mill rate of 19.6, a four mill increase over 2014 due to our new responsibilities for our own school system and a slight increase in both town and county tax budgets. By the time you read this, you may already have received your tax bill. The increase, although fairly hefty, could have been a lot higher if not for the good work done by the Budget Committee and votes at Town Meeting as well as our Treasurer, Barbara Simmons, who keeps us informed about the financial status of all town accounts.

Even though it's in the 80s as I write this, I'm reminded from Cookie Thew that snow and trail riding is just around the corner. To that end the Snow Valley Snowmobile Club will hold its first meeting of the season on Wednesday, Sept. 2 at 6:30 p.m. at their clubhouse located off Route 5 in Andover. All interested are invited to come to the meeting. Topics to be discussed will be trails for the season, club meetings and activities as well as projects undertaken by members over the past several months. The club is preparing to provide all with some of the best snowmobile riding in Western Maine.

Volunteers are wanted for a community work day at Andover Elementary School this Saturday (Aug. 29) starting at 9 a.m. There will be jobs for all, no special skills required, but if you have expertise we'll make use of it. Everything from painting to cleaning buses to concrete repair to sprucing up the playground.

Bryant Pond

By Alice Hoyt



Franklin Grange 124 met at the hall for a regular meeting on Monday, Aug. 17. Program was presented by Christine Hebert. Skit: The Engineer, Reading: Do you remember, Songs: Let There Be Peace on Earth and God Bless America. Oct. 10 will be a basket making fundraiser with Harrison Grange. Next meeting is Sept. 12; installation of officers with other granges at Norway Grange. Potluck supper at 6 p.m., meeting at 7 p.m.

The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens will meet at the Masonic Hall on Thursday, Sept. 3. Dinner



NEW MINISTER AT WEST PARISH—The Rev. Dr. Timothy LeConey will become the 31st Pastor of the West Parish Congregational Church UCC in Bethel, Maine on Sept. 8. His first day in the pulpit will be Sept. 13. Rev. LeConey, originally from New Jersey, received his undergraduate degree from Drew University, followed by a Master of Divinity degree from Andover-Newton, and a Doctorate from Bangor Theological Seminary. Prior to accepting the call to West Parish, he served as Pastor of the First Congregational Church of Fryeburg for ten years. Prior to that he was the Associate Pastor of the First Congregational Church in Essex Junction, Vt. While at the Fryeburg church, he served as Chaplain for the Life Choice Hospice in North Conway and Ossipee, N.H. Pastor Tim currently lives in Fryeburg with his wife Mary and sons Liam (a college student), Ben, and Evan. West Parish Congregational Church, located on Church Street in Bethel is an Open and Affirming Church that welcomes all persons to participate in the work and worship life of the church. For more information contact West Parish Congregational Church, PO Box 23, 37 Church St., Bethel, ME 04217 Tel. (Office) 207-824-2689, (Pastor) 207-824-2688.

Submitted photo

put on by the Star Birthday Club. Meeting starts at 11:30. New members always welcomed.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School at 9:15, Morning Worship at 10:30, Evening Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is prayer meeting, Bloom for girls 13 to 18 and Foundations for guys 15 and up. Looking ahead to Sept. 20 to 23, there will be special meetings with Pastor Ron Caudill. He is a longtime pastor and preacher at missions, leadership, family and Bible conferences around the country.

Remember Althea at the Whitman Memorial Library would like copies of your pictures taken at the 200th celebration of Woodstock to make a scrapbook for the library.

Larry Billings said he got two really good books from the Bethel Library—1776 and Gettysburg.

The program for September at the Whitman Memorial Library will be held Thursday, Sept. 10 at 2 p.m. Guest speaker will be David Shaw. He will be telling about times he spent helping pastors in Brazil for the past 15 years. He will be giving a slide presentation and showing artifacts of his account in the Amazon fishing for piranha, hunting alligators and visiting buffalo farms.

Sunday Ken and I had dinner with Beth and Steve Hoover. Other family members present were Marybeth and TJ Ray, JoAnn and David Crockett, Ray, Erin and baby Chase Crockett, James Hoyt, Bob Hoyt and Lisa Petricelli.

Gilead

By Lin Chapman



August has just flown by too fast. It seems like it just arrived and before you know it, September will be here. School will be starting up!

My brother, Steve McLain, dropped off some green

beans from his garden this past weekend. He also went up to the Dupont House to check on it and take a picture of the hydrangea bush that is growing in front of the porch. It is beautiful and just loaded with blossoms.

Bob and Judy were also in town last Sunday and dropped off some Gilead Historical Society material. They had a copy of the picture that was taken by night photographer, Gary Knapp, in Gorham, N.H. a couple of weeks ago. They put it in a frame so it could be hung in the railroad station with other pictures that Gary has taken around the area.

Hugh and I attended the photo exhibit at Wren Works Maker Studio in Berlin, N.H. Our granddaughter, Sidney, and 5 other girls took the class, and the display was of photos they had taken throughout the summer. Sidney had a picture of Chloe, (the family dog taking a nap), a beautiful clouds scene, a cup of hot cocoa shared with Dad, a duck in a pond and a nearby brook. We were pleased to participate and support these talented young girls.

On our way to Sidney's photo exhibit, we had a small bear run across in front of us near Timberland Campground in Shelburne. He/she did not stop to look both ways for traffic!

Peter and Claudia Risbar were in town again this week. They are still working diligently on the Gilead House to get it more comfortable for them when they are here in town.

Tim and Michele Chapman were out of town last Saturday night and we got to dog-sit our grand-dog, Chloe. The grandchildren, Ajay and Sidney, stayed with some friends in Shelburne, N.H. who live on the North Road. They got to do some fun things over the weekend such as horseback riding, shopping, hiking and swimming. On Sunday, they all took a drive up Mt. Washington. Even though it was cloudy, they had a great

Albany South Integrated Resource Project

The planning process for the White Mountain National Forest's Albany South Integrated Resource Project is continuing this summer, and the Forest Service expects to release the draft environmental assessment for public comment this fall. The project is proposed on national forest lands in Oxford County, Maine. It is designed to meet land management goals for diverse wildlife habitat, wood products, watershed protection, recreation, hazardous fuel reduction, and forest roads. Timber harvest, prescribed fire, road repairs, road decommissioning, and relocation of trails and campsites would be used to meet these goals.

Much of the project area sits on the edge of the national forest adjacent to private land occupied by seasonal and primary homes and other developments in Stoneham, Lovell, Albany Township, and Mason Township. Public interest has been high and the Forest Service had hoped to have the draft environmental assessment completed and out for a 30-day public comment period this summer as requested by some individuals. However, the analysis is still in progress and due to the need to accomplish other work during this very full field season, the 30-day comment period will occur in the fall instead.

Interested individuals are encouraged to take advantage of summer conditions and visit the project area at this time. Updated maps and a summary of the five

proposed alternatives are available on the project website www.fs.usda.gov/projects/whitemountain/landmanagement/projects or by contacting the team leader, Pat Nasta, at pnasta@fs.fed.us or 207-824-2813. The maps may be printed or downloaded to electronic devices for use in the field to easily locate the areas of interest.

This environmental analysis is typical of other site-specific projects planned in the White Mountain National Forest. Resource specialists use field surveys, scientific literature, data representing the project area, and applicable laws, regulations, and policies to first design the project, and then determine the anticipated environmental consequences that may occur if the project is implemented. The analysis includes ongoing public involvement and has benefited from the efforts of concerned citizens and local organizations who have volunteered to collect data and share expertise. The Forest Service has also consulted with State of Maine agencies, tribal governments, and the US Fish and Wildlife Service to ensure protection of natural communities, cultural resources, threatened and endangered species, and water and soil resources.

To join the project mailing list and receive all future notices for updates and public comment opportunities, or for more information, contact Pat Nasta at pnasta@fs.fed.us or 207-824-2813.

time.

Gilead Historical Society
Hugh and I, along with Mary Tyler, had the buildings open last Saturday. We have had quite a few people stop by to visit, and several of them are staying at the Hastings Campground in the WMNF on Route 113. They are interested in learning more about the area. Hugh went to the campground one day and met with a man who wanted to know where some of the sites were that were remnants of the Hastings Village and the CCC camp that was there.

Town Office

The tax bills for 2015 have gone out and taxpayers should have received them by now. Taxes are due and payable upon receipt of the tax bill and interest will begin on Sept. 18.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

Hanover

By Maria Holloway



Pie Night Success!
As you probably have heard by now, "Pie Night" last Wednesday to benefit the new Andy Barlow home was a huge success. Funds raised were in excess of \$7,000 and additional donations are still coming in! The Trustees of the Gardner Roberts Memorial Library wish to thank everyone for their show of support and generous contributions! As one person commented, it is amazing to see what such a small town can do.

There were about 150 people in attendance, and over 50 delicious pies made for a wonderful spread. Many were privileged to meet

Andy for the first time and others were happy to join their friend in the celebration of his new home. Contractor Howard Bailey and several of the subcontractors on the project were present as were many of Andy's family members, friends, neighbors, and students from Maine Adaptive Sports and Recreation. Andy was humbled by the outpouring of support and in his own, quiet way was joyful about the prospect of a warm and cozy home come this winter.

Supporters came from Hanover, Newry, Rumford, Bethel, Albany, Milton Township, Andover, Sumner, Peru, Windham, Auburn, and Lewiston. It was a wonderfully social evening. If you were not able to attend, donations are still being accepted at the Library. You may stop into the Library at 25 Ferry Road or mail your check, payable to HelpHopeLive, to: GRML, PO Box 64, Hanover, Maine 04237. (Please note Andy Barlow in the memo of your check.) All funds will be managed by HelpHopeLive, the project's official fiscal agent and your contribution is tax-deductible. Stay tuned for updates on the Andy Project and future fundraising efforts. Please see pictures of the event in this issue of the Bethel Citizen.

Chloe for RPC
Chloe Cyr, granddaughter of Jane Goddard of Hanover has been selling lemonade to benefit Responsible Pet Care, a no kill animal shelter, in South Paris. Chloe, who is going to be 8 years old this week, is entering third grade at Crescent Park School. Two years ago on her birthday Chloe rescued a kitten from RPC and named her "Trixie Little." They have since become forever friends. Chloe's love for animals has inspired her to sell lemonade from her Country Time stand and donate the funds to RPC. (The pink lemonade is delicious and refreshing!) Please look for Chloe at Gram's house (across the street from the Hanover Post Office) over the next couple of weekends. Chloe and Trixie will appreciate your support. Thank you, Chloe, for your kindness and love of animals.

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This September, we are offering two health care classes at the Bethel Family Health Center. First Aid and CPR begins on Thursday, Sept. 17. CPR Re-certification is on Thursday, Sept. 24. In October we will run a full CPR certification course and CPR for Health care professionals.

There are numerous classes offered each month through our Ed2go online learning platform. These are instructor led, online continuing education courses in everything from healthcare, career exploration, writing, business and accounting, and up to date technology instruction. Classes start at just \$89 and run for about six weeks each. For more information, check out: www.ed2go.com/telstar.

Other classes for the fall include quilting, parenting help, yoga, polarity, and ballroom dancing. New courses are being added each week. Keep an eye out for our fall flyer and for announcements on our website (<http://sad44.maineadulted.org/>) and Facebook page.

Western Mountain Senior College is preparing for a busy fall. You can find out more about their courses on the WMSC blog: wmcollege.blogspot.com.

If you have a particular craft, skill, or passion that you would like to share with others as an Adult Education instructor, we would love to work with you. You can reach us at 824-2136 ext 1340.

Keith, Victoria, Kory and Gram. The Harringtons have returned from an adventurous summer vacation that began with a visit to family in Montana and then a drive to California followed by a cross country trek home via the Grand Canyon!

Got news, comments, questions? Please contact HanoverMENews@gmail.com.

Locke's Mills

By Amy Wight Chapman



It sounds like Neil Olson had a good crowd for his 39th Annual Trappers' Weekend. I was working at Bob's Corner Store back in the late 1970s, during some of the first Trappers' Weekends, and I remember the huge influx of people they brought to the area way back then. I was glad to see a nice write-up in the Sunday paper about the event.

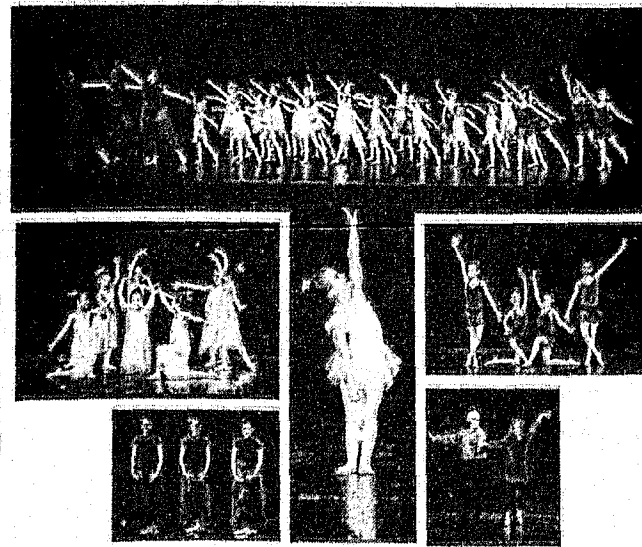
Apparently balloon flowers are more common than I thought, even though I had never seen them before myself. Hazel Cole says she has a light pink one in her garden that bloomed nicely this year, and her neighbor Ann Richter has some pretty blue ones, as well as other colors, in her garden at Twitchell Pond.

Catherine Lovejoy left me a message letting me know that she used to have a yellow-flowered spice bush like the one I described in last week's column, and would love to have another one if anyone knows of where to find one.

It's looking like a good year for apples. I noticed many big bags of Early Macs at Cooper's when I was there last week, and we have apples on several of the trees Tony set out about ten years ago at

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"Pie Night" a success

"Pie Night" to benefit a new home for Andy Barlow of Hanover was held last Wednesday under the Hanover Picnic Pavilion on Main St. The fundraiser, hosted by the Trustees of the Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, was a huge success having raised over \$7,000 in donations toward furnishings for the new home. Contractor Howard Bailey of Andover Log Homes is leading the project.

He and other subcontractors have generously donated all labor, equipment and supplies. The home is expected to be completed before the coming winter. The more than 150 people in attendance indulged in a selection of over 50 donated pies and supporters were happy to meet the guest of honor who was overwhelmed by the outpouring of generosity.

For more details about the project and to learn more about Andy Barlow, please visit www.TheAndyProject.com or www.HelpHopeLive.org. Donations are still

being accepted and may be made online to the project's fiscal agent, HelpHopeLive.org, a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt non-profit charitable organization. Checks payable to "HelpHopeLive" may also be

sent to the Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, 25 Ferry Rd, PO Box 64, Hanover, ME 04237. (Please indicate Andy Barlow on the memo line.) All contributions are tax-deductible.



The Gardner Roberts Memorial Library Trustees, hosts of the event, set out the buffet. Attendees enjoyed their choice of over 50 delicious homemade pies, all donated to the cause by friends, family and citizens of Hanover and the surrounding towns.

M. Holloway



Contractor Howard Bailey is joined by local area subcontractors, volunteer helpers, and Andy's family and friends during "Pie Night" for the Andy Project. Front: Linda Beaudoin, Kelly Barlow, Andy Barlow, Wendy Cavers. Back: Rick Nelson, contractor Howard Bailey, builder Dave Berry, Raymond Buker, and electrician Mike Brown.

M. Holloway

home, including a couple that haven't had fruit before.

I just saw a note on the Facebook page for Gibson's Apple Orchard that indicates they will be opening for the season this weekend, earlier than usual. They will open at 10 a.m. this Saturday and Sunday, close for a few days, then will reopen on Friday, Sept. 4 and be open seven days a week for the season. They noted that they won't have cider this weekend, but I'm sure they'll have it soon.

We enjoyed a great breakfast at The Local Hub on Sunday morning, and were joined by our good friends Neil and Pat Donovan, who paddled there from their house just off the Greenwood Road near the town beach. It was great to catch up with them, and to enjoy the delicious food and friendly atmosphere at The Hub.

The Wednesday evening poetry group at the West Paris Library, led by retired Telstar teacher Rodney Abbott, will reconvene after Labor Day, following a summer break, if there is enough continued interest. This small, fun, and very informal group meets to read and discuss poetry of all kinds on Wednesdays from 6 to 7 p.m. (with the exception of the week that the Friends of the Library hold their monthly meeting, usually the second Wednesday). New members are always welcome.

On Thursday, Sept. 10 at 6:30 p.m., the West Paris Library will host an opening reception for an exhibit of the traditional folk art of Scherenschnitte, the art of making pictures from cut paper. Clara Lamers will discuss and demonstrate the technique, and her work will be on display at the library. Check the library's Facebook page or call 674-2004 for more information.

The Greenwood Historical Society will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 2 at 7 p.m. at the Society's building on Main Street in Locke's Mills. Blaine Mills will present a program on the history of the

Richardson Holloway area.

E-mail your news to amy.w.chapman@gmail.com, leave a message at 875-5511, or contact me on Facebook.

Mason

By Richard Grover



Last Sunday Jim Rose was the guest minister for the West Bethel Church because we have not yet found a full time minister yet. He gave a very interesting presentation on his rationale for the religious beliefs that he holds.

He began with a discussion about the efforts by well-known scientists to detect electronic signals emanating from intelligent beings on a planet or planets in some distant galaxy in the universe. The biggest problem is to decide how to determine what kind of patterns "intelligent life signals" would constitute proof that they are not produced by some random occurrence which naturally generates signals or energy.

As I understand it such signals would have to occur in some recognizable pattern that does not occur naturally (such as telegraph, radio, TV or radar signals).

From this example, Jim moved on to a description of how the human organism works. He discussed the human genome, its incredible complexity, and how every gene has a specific purpose in regulating the various functions of the different body parts. The blood's clotting mechanism alone is amazing; it comes into play every time a part of the body suffers a bleeding wound. It rushes to the wound and begins to clot to prevent the body from bleeding to death, and then somehow knows when to stop the clotting to prevent stopping the internal flow of blood that could again lead to death.

Jim then moved on to the premise that only some incredibly intelligent being must have designed the hu-

man genome, arranging it so that every piece does its function to make the body parts work together. Who can say that there is not a supreme being guiding our universe?

On my way home crossing the Flat Road late one afternoon, I encountered flocks of dragonflies swooping and flitting across the asphalt, dodging the front of the car and filling the sky. These flocks of "helicopter insects" continued in uncountable numbers for more than a mile along the road. I don't know where they came from, but I bet there was a really great decrease in the numbers of mosquitoes and black flies in that area!

On Monday afternoon I took 6-year-old Noah down to the brook to throw rocks into the water. He began happily throwing rocks and watching Shiloh chasing after the splashes. As this continued for several minutes, I noticed that the rock trajectories began to be erratic, with some of the small stones actually landing behind him. I said nothing, but wondered how long this could go on. Then it happened. One of his errant small rocks actually came down and clonked him on his head! He began to cry, and we headed back up the hill to the house. It was a perfect time to have a discussion about how things often go wrong in life, and how we all learn by our mistakes. He soon forgot about me laughing at him and began talking about all the difficulties and hazards in my newly mown field with all its picked weed stumps, black and yellow spiders and brown grass snakes.

Newry

By Doug Webster



The Newry Community Church on Route 26 in North Newry has been holding services this summer. I have not been yet, but I have read in the paper that Pastor Matthew Jones from the Bryant Pond Baptist Church has been coming up to Newry and holding a service at 3:30 on Sundays. It is good to see that beautiful church being used again. The last time I was there was when Deb and I were married in 1996. That church will always have a special place in my heart.

I feel that Mr. Polak from the SAD 44 withdrawal committee has insulted the Newry tax payers once again. He assumed in a Bethel Citizen article on Aug. 13 that the Newry citizens could not be counted on to approve money for the proposed targeted grant fund which would be used as a targeted education fund to enhance the quality of education in SAD 44. In my opinion, that is a typical thought process of a bureaucrat: that only a government agency is qualified to make a decision about where tax dollars are spent. He said it would not pass the straight face test! I question whether the fact that Newry, with approximately 25 students, pays around \$117,000 per student (the highest per student rate in the district), and Woodstock pays around \$7,000 per student (the lowest rate in the district) can pass the straight face test. The states numbers show that SAD 44 is above average in administration cost and below average in educational costs. I think now is a good time to get the district back on the right track. I thank Bonnie Largess, one of Newry's School Board representatives, for her continued effort to get the School Board to also negotiate a new funding formula. I hope the board can overrule the leadership and continue to negotiate in good faith.

I would like to share one of my favorite passages, often attributed to Abe Lincoln, but online it is said to be coined by Reverend William Henry Boetcker:

- * You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift.
- * You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong.
- * You cannot help little men by tearing down big men.
- * You cannot lift the wage earner by pulling down the wage payer.
- * You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich.
- * You cannot establish sound security on borrowed money.
- * You cannot further the brotherhood of man by inciting class hatred.
- * You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than you earn.
- * You cannot build character and courage by destroying men's initiative and independence.
- * You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they can and should do for themselves.

South Woodstock

By Lolalee Dillingham



Monday, Aug. 24th, 2 p.m. Good afternoon, dear readers, it's another very warm, humid, sunny day. Hope y'all had a great weekend. I so enjoyed the rain we got

last week, greening up the grass and pastures and helping the local farmers and gardeners for their crops.

We have been enjoying fresh local grown veggies from Cooper's Farm stand here on Route 26 in West Paris.

I like the idea of picking up my veggies as I need them and we enjoy stopping by to say chat with Sue and some of the local folks that stop by the veggie stand as well.

The Down East Country Music Association held their 35th Annual Competition Awards show this past Sunday at the Silver Spur, it was a great day of music and presentation of awards to those who worked so hard for their awards.

Here are a few of the first place winners: Paul Bright, Linda Jo Marchant, Travis Pinkham, Bobbi Berach, Randy Pinkham, Peter Beauchemin, Amber Russell, Tina Sue Hanscom.

First place winners in the Folk and Solo Artist category were Brian Plato, Melanie Jordan.

First place winner in New Country female artist (youth 13 to 16): Hannah Brackett.

First place winner in New Country female artist (youth 17 to 20): Melanie Jordan.

New Country Instrumental Artist Adult: Diane Hanscom.

New Country Female Artist Senior 50 plus category: Connie Fletcher.

Traditional Female Artist Senior 50 plus category: Nellie Rudder.

Band of the year/New Country category: Lost & Found (All Girl band).

These are just a few of the winners at the Awards Show yesterday. Congratulations to each person who competed and went home with an award.

I so enjoyed presenting some of the awards with my singing partner Paula Keiser and also presenting some of the awards with Yogi. It was a very rewarding day.

Get well wishes are going out to Marie Paradis, Jackie Harmon, Barbara Yeaton, Debbie Jack, Jim Cossar, Darlene Cossar and Andrea Lane.

Celebrating September birthdays are Doris Mills, Linnie Roberts, Robert Hurd, Lloyd Poland, Darlene Cossar, Becky M. Truman, Keny Wilson, Cathy Mason.

I have two lovely sunflowers blooming, one out back by the back steps and one under the bird feeder on the lawn... not as big and tall as others have in their yards but I am enjoying them.

Well, that's all from the valley this week. Enjoy your weekend and stay safe.

Upton

By Joe Bernier



I know that some people have been waiting anxiously for the results of the Upton Ladies Aid

raffles. Here they are: hand-made pillows, Amy Cormier; hand-painted saw, Upton House; and the Ladies Aid quilt, Jean Lewis. In a separate cake raffle, Amy Cormier won the rum cake, Connie Allen the chocolate cake and Wanda Hall the decorated cake.

The Upton Historical raffle a hand crafted cribbage-board stool. The winner of that prize was Sherry Enman.

The Chinese Auction, sponsored by the Letter B Notch Riders, "auctioned" over 150 items. There were many winners and everyone had fun.

Congratulations to all the winners.

When writing this column I occasionally kick a hornets nest just to get reactions via e-mail. It very seldom works. I sometimes wonder if anyone other than family and friends read it. But every now and then people that I do not know tell me that they read and enjoy this column. Thank you to everyone that does read it and (I hope) like it.

The Upton Planning board will meet Friday, Aug. 28 at the town office. They will have a workshop at 6:30 and will start processing building applications at 7.

Please call 533-2010 or e-mail backstjoe@gmail.com with your local news.

Waterford

By Rockie Graham



Yesterday the day was really nice and then the clouds came in. I was across the street visit-

ing and enjoying birth-days of Randy Henley and his daughter in law Amy Henley. It was a fun event with all kinds of family - at least three generations that I could count. I said that I thought I should leave as it would rain soon and I had to walk home. Within a half an hour after I returned home, it poured. In all, by the time it was done raining, we had received an inch and a half of rain. It all sank in to the earth. It was fun to see a functional family enjoying each other's company.

Got to visit with friend Elaine Makas when I went to see my orthopedist in Auburn. I had a three hour wait for my ride home so we got to have a long visit. That was nice. We hadn't seen each other in close to a year. Hard when we live that far away and we are busy and I can't drive too far. But we made up for lost time.

Friday, Aug. 28, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, Waterford Library will hold their coffee hour and give all a chance to visit. It must be a fun time as there are quite a few vehicles there every week, FMI call 533-2050.

Saturday, Aug. 29, Responsible Pet Care in South Paris will hold an open house from 1 to 4 p.m. There will be a short program, a ribbon cutting of the new facility, a dog agility demo and tours of the building, FMI call 743-8897.

Can you believe we are almost into September. Before we know it school will have started. College classes mostly begin this weekend and public school Sept. 1 to 9 depending on the grade and the school. Then the yellow buses will begin. SAD 17 is reviving the walking bus they tried last June. Elementary students living near down town Norway will meet and all walk together to school. That will save a bus or two and therefore some money in the budget. It will be good exercise for the students to start their school day. Burn up some of that excess energy.

Saturday, Aug. 29 is the Full Sturgeon Moon. Not sure what that means but I like sturgeon. It is good eating if cooked right.

Monday, Aug. 31, the Knit and Chat Group will meet from 2 to 4 at the Waterford Library. All levels of knitters are welcome. FMI call 533-2050.

Because it is Labor Day, Socrates cafe will not meet on the first Monday. They will meet on Sept. 14, 6:30 to 8:30. FMI call 583-6857. Moderator will be Jim Kearney. Topic is "Are we really masters of our fate?"

That is all for this week. If you have something you would like to add, please call 743-0583 and leave a message.

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Safety Tips from the M.S.A.D. #44 Transportation Department

As summer days grow shorter, communities across America will soon be observing that timeless annual ritual: the first day of school. It's a time when parents breathe a sigh of relief and students and teachers anticipate new beginnings and new challenges.

Unfortunately, the beginning of school is also a time when children are at increased risk of transportation related injuries from pedestrian, bicycle, school bus, and motor vehicle crashes because there are many more children on the road each morning and afternoon and many driver's patterns change. Shorter daylight hours make it especially difficult to see young pedestrians and bicyclists. So as school open their doors, it's time for everyone motorists, parents, educators, and students to improve their traffic safety practices. The following tips can help this a safe and happy school year for the whole community.

Tips for Motorists:

- Slow down and obey all traffic laws and speed limits
- Always stop for a school bus that has stopped to load or unload passengers. Red flashing lights and extended stop arm tell you the school bus is stopped to load or unload children. State law requires you to stop.
- Be alert and ready to stop. Watch for children walking in the street, especially where there are no sidewalks. Watch for children playing and gathering near bus stops. Watch for children arriving late for the bus, who may dart into the street without looking for traffic. When backing out of a driveway or leaving a garage, watch for children walking or biking to school.
- When driving in neighborhoods or school zones, watch for young people who may be in a hurry to get to school and may not be thinking about getting there safely.

Tips for Parents:

- Help your children learn and practice the safety rules for walking, bicycling, or riding in a passenger car or school bus.
- Supervise young children as they are walking or biking to school or as they wait at the school bus stop.
- Be a good role model, especially when you are with your kids. Always buckle up in the car, always wear a helmet when biking, and always follow pedestrian safety rules.

Tips for Educators:

- Teach young children the safety rules for traveling to school, whether it be walking, bicycling, or riding in a motor vehicle or on a school bus.
- Support any "Getting to School Safely" activities sponsored by your school, PTA/PTO, or other community organizations.
- Be a good role model. Always use your seatbelt, wear a helmet when bicycling or riding a motorcycle.

Tips for Students:

- Always buckle up when you're riding in a car.
- Always ride in the back seat. It's the safest place for young people.
- Always wear a helmet and follow traffic safety rules when riding your bike.
- If you ride a bus, learn and practice the safety rules for waiting at the bus stop, getting on and off the bus, and riding the bus.
- If you walk to school, learn and practice the safety rules for pedestrians. Always, cross at cross walks, obey all traffic signs, traffic lights and safety patrol instructions.
- Be a good role model for younger brothers and sisters and friends, and help them learn and practice the safety rules.



Motorist Safety Rules

Motorists need to observe traffic safety rules around school buses. First and foremost, they must know and understand the school bus laws in the state. In particular, they must be aware that it is illegal in all 50 states to pass a school bus that has stopped to load or unload students. Industry surveys ranked this as the most dangerous of all illegal or unsafe driving practices. In fact, collisions involving motorists who illegally passed a stopped school bus accounted for the majority of the pedestrian fatalities in school bus related crashes.

Motorists must learn the "flashing signal light system" that school bus drivers use to alert motorists that they are going to stop to load or unload students:

- Yellow flashing lights indicate the bus is preparing to stop to load or unload children. Motorists should slow down and prepare to stop there vehicle.
- Red flashing lights and extended stop arm indicate that the bus has stopped and that children are getting on or off. Motorists must stop their vehicle and wait until the red flashing lights are turned off, the stop arm is withdrawn, and the bus begins moving before they start driving again.
- **State Law Title 29-A** states the operator of a vehicle on a way, in a parking area or on school property, on meeting or overtaking a school bus from either direction when the bus has stopped with its red lights flashing to receive or discharge passengers, shall stop the vehicle before reaching the school bus. The operator may not proceed until the school bus resumes motion or until signaled by the school bus operator to proceed.

Motorists should also observe the following traffic safety rules:

- When backing out of a driveway or leaving a garage, watch out for children walking to the bus stop or walking or bicycling to school.
- When driving in neighborhoods and especially in school zones, watch out for young people who may be thinking about getting to school, but may not be thinking about getting there safely.
- Slow down. Watch for children walking in the street, especially where there are no sidewalks. Watch for children playing and gathering near bus stops.
- Be alert and ready to stop. Children arriving late for the bus may dart into street without looking for traffic.

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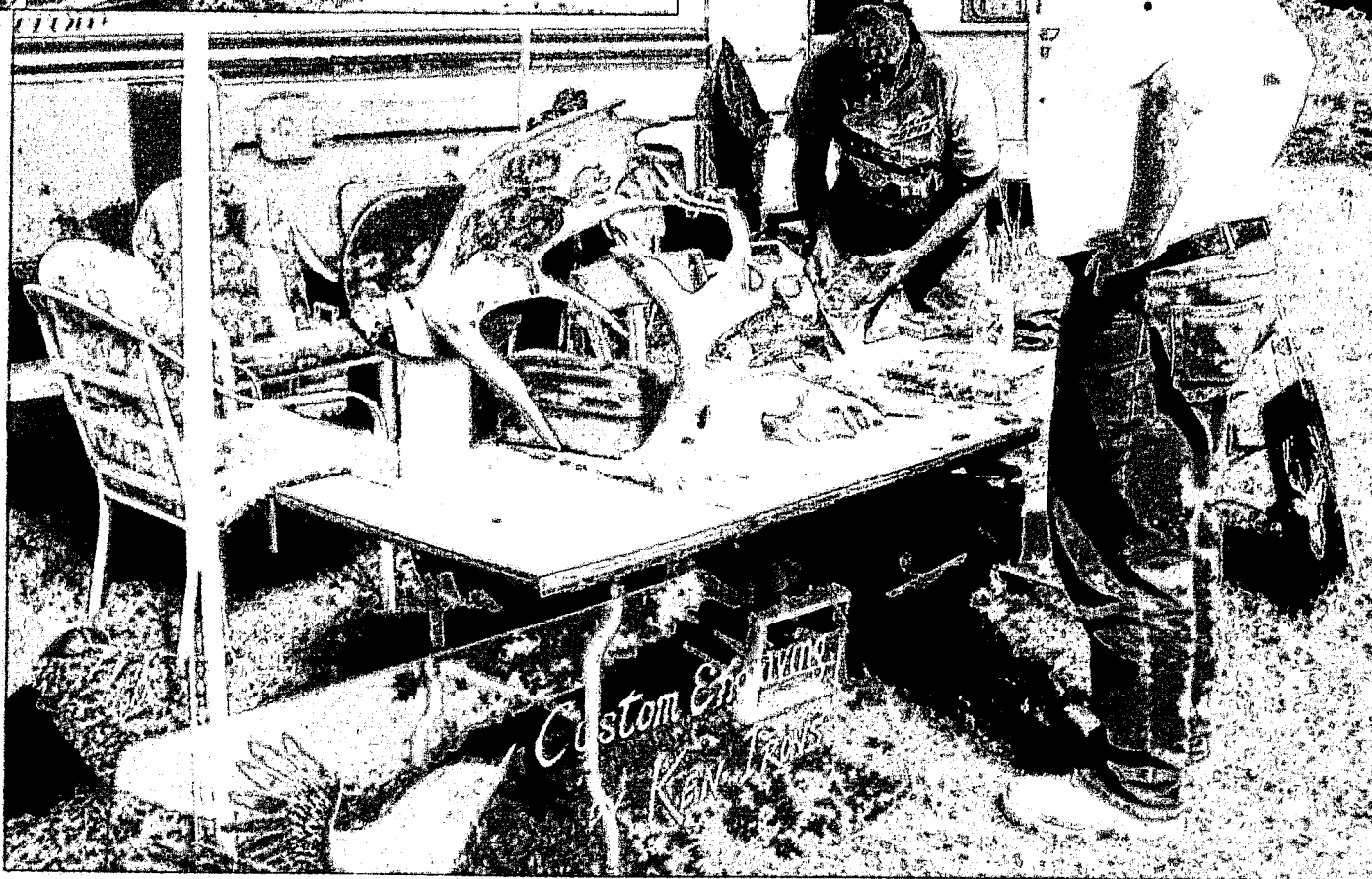
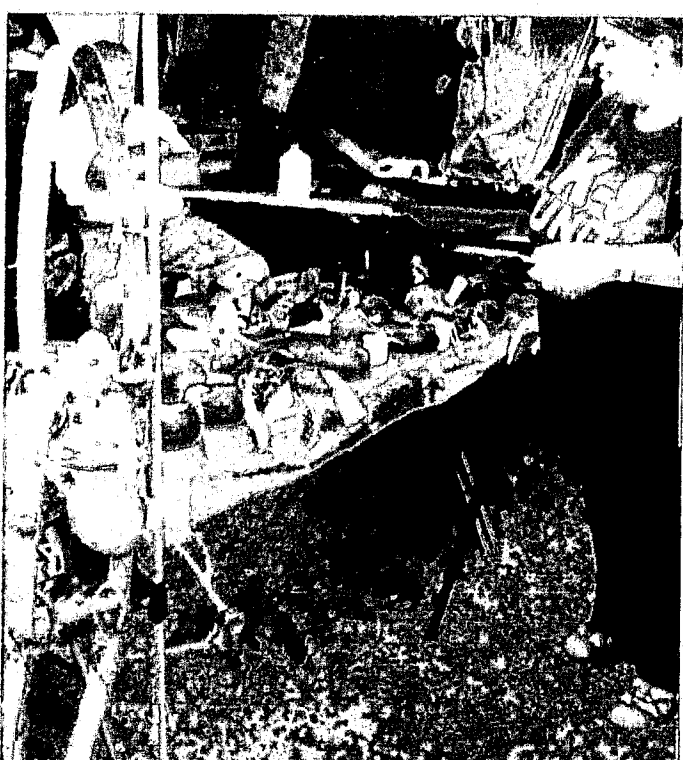
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New England Trappers' Weekend 2015

Trappers from all over New England turned out at Neil Olson's in East Bethel for the 39th annual Trappers' Weekend. Show here are some of the vendors displaying their wares and techniques. Clockwise, from right: snowshoe making; canned pickles; Ken Irons' custom engravings; trapping supplies; duck decoys; iron work.

(Photos: Don Bennett)



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RAISING MONEY FOR RESPONSIBLE PET CARE-Chloe Cyr, granddaughter of Jane Goddard of Hanover has been selling lemonade to benefit Responsible Pet Care, a no kill animal shelter, in South Paris. Chloe, who is going to be 8 years old this week, is entering third grade at Crescent Park School. Two years ago on her birthday Chloe rescued a kitten from RPC and named her "Trixie Little." They have since become forever friends. Chloe's love for animals has inspired her to sell lemonade from her Country

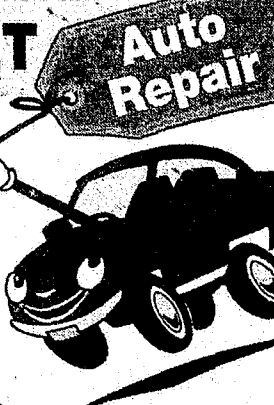
Time stand and donate the funds to RPC. Look for Chloe at Gram's house (across the street from the Hanover Post Office, Route 2 East, Main Street) through Labor Day Weekend. Chloe and Trixie will appreciate your support. *M. Holloway*

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Hanover native Matthew Duka, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard P. Duka of Hanover, graduated from Bates College at the school's 149th commencement after majoring in rhetoric. He is a 2010 graduate of Mountain Valley High School.

Ellis River Riders news

What wonderful weather we had for our August Shows! Our club participated in the Andover Olde Home Days parade on Saturday morning, sporting blue Ellis River Rider 30th Anniversary shirts. Many new faces and horses arrived for the leadline and walk-trot portion of the gymkhana show. It is great to see the future equestrians smiling, giggling, and cheering each other on. During the evening, our faster riders (experienced youth and adults) competed under the lights. The next day, we were very lucky to have Bob MacDonald judge the Open Show. At the end of the show he stayed and entertained questions from riders, parents, and club volunteers providing some useful insight and perspectives on youth showing. He was a valuable resource. Thank you to all the volunteers that make these events happen for the youth.

Our next events are in September. The 5th we welcome Tom O'Neil as judge for our last open show of the 2015 season. This show will feature riders of all ages and levels entering English and Western classes. Some classes can be ridden in either seat. Sunday the 6th will be our last regular gymkhana show. Don't miss the sack race, donut race, pole bending, barrels, lancer and more. But our season isn't done just yet.

Can you help figure out who killed the deputy? Join our second annual Murder Mystery Trail Ride on Sept. 19. The ride begins promptly at 10 a.m. This is a fundraiser ride for Angel Flight New England which provides air transportation to medically necessary appointments for patients. All the pilots' time and fuel is by donation. A special fund

is set up with Angel Flight to assist with the cost. A minimum \$25 donation is requested from each rider. See our website for more details and links to this wonderful cause and what you need to bring that day. Contact Audrey at treasurer@ellisriverriders.com for more info or donate.

Sept. 26 and 27 we welcome our own member and AQHA Professional Horseman, Jim Badger back for a Ranch Trail clinic. He will go over the pattern and equitation basics for in hand, beginner, and advanced levels with a ride and re-ride format on Sunday. All of this for \$60 per rider. Check our website to sign up as spot is only reserved by payment and contact Terri at secretary@ellisriverriders.com for more information.

Come join us as a rider, parent, spectator, or volunteer in September. We have trail rides and a fun show coming up in October. Details are on our website. Shortly we will have information on our year end celebration and awards presentation. This is not just for award recipients; all club members, families, friends, etc. are invited. Stay tuned.

Aug. 1, 2015 - Gymkhana ShowLeadline Ch.-Jallinn Fortin/Sach O'Lena, Res.-Hunter Bibeau/Suddenly a Dun, WalkTrot Ch.-Tommy Marchessault/Merry Leggs, Res.-Olivia Seames/Rio Wolf Creek Youth Ch.-Carriane Crockett/Apache Res.-Shelby Whitman/Trouble, Adult Novice Ch.-Brenda Marchessault/Mavericks Lady Luv, Res.-Jessica Fortin/Simply A Dun, Adult Ch.-Keely Padham/Skips Dirty Dundee, Res.-Shelby Gammon/Dually, Open Ch.-Kathi Kyes/Sach O'Lena, Res.-Paige Garcia/Briggs

Aug. 2, 2015 - Open ShowLeadline Ch.-Paige Roy/Flick's Blue Boy, Youth WalkTrot Ch.-Ethan Owen/Royal, Res.-Tristen Derenburger/Designated Dominatrix Adult WalkTrot Ch.-Nancy Thew/Mr Bub Wizard, Youth English Ch.-Lexi Lloyd/Valley Brooks Vigil, Res.-Hannah Neal/Doc's Little Secret, Adult English Ch.-Molly Nelson/Travellin John Paul, Res.-Ashley Roy/Midnight Storm, Open Ch.-Lexi Lloyd/Valley Brooks Vigil, Res.-Hannah Neal/Doc's Little Secret

School Lunch Menu

MSAD 44 School Lunches Sept. 1-4

Elementary Schools

- Tuesday:** Pizza, Caesar salad, fruit and salad bar or sun butter and jelly.
- Wednesday:** Popcorn chicken, rice, fruit and salad bar or sun butter and jelly.
- Thursday:** French toast sticks, ham slice, fruit and salad bar or sun butter and jelly.
- Friday:** Meatball sub, fruit and salad bar or sun butter and fluff.

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- Tuesday:** Pizza, Caesar salad, mandarin oranges, fruit juice, fruit and veggie options.
- Wednesday:** Popcorn chicken, yellow rice, broccoli, fruit cup.
- Thursday:** French toast sticks, ham hash, cinnamon applesauce.
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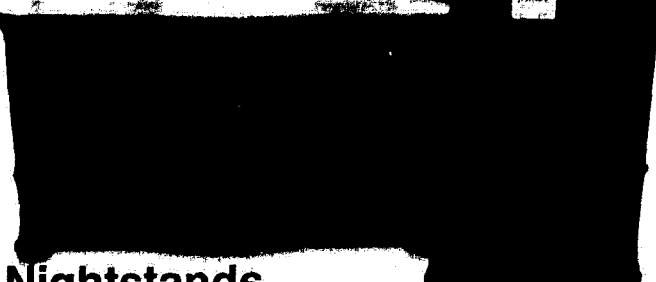
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

District Exchange; Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4 p.m., Thursday 4 to 6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours - No exceptions. FMI: 824-4090. Clothing may also be left at Northeast Bank, Main Street, Bethel Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Bethel Area Food Pantry; serving the residents of Albany, Andover, Bethel, East Bethel, West Bethel, Bryant Pond, Gilead, Greenwood, Hanover, Locke's Mills, Mason Township, Newry, Upton and Woodstock. The Food Pantry is open on the second Monday of each month from noon to 8 p.m. Anyone in need of food should come during those hours, without appointment. The Food pantry is located in the basement of the Nazarene Church, 16 Church Street, Bethel, by the side entrance on Park Street.

Scribner's Sawmill and Homestead Tours; 1 to 4 p.m., first and third Saturdays of the month throughout the summer. A minimum \$5 donation per adult is requested. All funds are used for the continued restoration of the site. To schedule a group tour or school field trip, call Nancy Grigg (674-4459). To arrange for a private tour, call 583-6455.

Waterford Grange Craft/Yard Sales; Fridays and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. throughout the summer, Waterford Grange 479, Route 35 next to the North Waterford Post Office.

Thursday, Aug. 27

Families in Crisis Task Force Food Giveaway; 2 to 5 p.m. or until food is gone, 659 Park Street, South Paris. Free food to people in need. FMI: Peggy (357-7072).

Fourth Thursday Poetry; 5:30 to 7 p.m., Rumford Library. Bring a poem, bring a friend! Light refreshments. Free and open to the public. FMI: 364-3661.

Aug. 28 and 29

Thrifty Gift Shop \$1 Sale; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thrifty Gift Shop, 659 Park Street South Paris. Lots of nice clothes and accessories - maternity, dresses, infant, children and adult. Volunteers needed. All full-day volunteers will receive a \$10 gift certificate to use at the sale. FMI: Peggy (357-7072).

Saturday, Aug. 29

Community Work Day; 9 a.m., Andover Elementary School. There will be jobs for all, no special skills required - painting, cleaning, concrete repair, sprucing up the playground, etc.

Baxter Outdoors Mt. Abram Ascent; 9 to 10:45 a.m. registration, 11 a.m. race. Solo racers: \$25 early bird, \$30 normal. Two racers: \$35 early bird, \$40 normal. Registration includes entry to race, Baxter Outdoors multi-use bandana buff, day of race snacks and water, other Baxter Outdoors swag. This classic mountain climb takes racers up two miles of mowed ski trails to the summit of Mt. Abram. The descent will begin on ski trails and end on a section of single track hiking trail in the woods before reaching the finish line at the Mt. Abram base lodge. FMI: http://www.baxter-outdoors.com/events/2015_summer3.html.

Build a Fairy House; 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Maine Wildlife Park, Gray. Visitors will be able to meet and have their pictures taken with 'real' fairies; then 'make and take' home their very own small fairy house! FMI: www.maine-wildlife-park.com.

Responsible Pet Care Open House; 1 to 4 p.m., 9 Swallow Road, South Paris. There will be a short program at 1pm to include a dedication, ribbon cutting, and unveiling of our Recognition Wall. After which we will feature a dog agility demonstration, tours of the building, and much more. FMI: 743-8679.

Tarot Show; 7:30 p.m., Denmark Arts Center, 50 West Main Street, Denmark. Tarot Show is a new theater piece that blends fortune-telling, physical theatre, audience participation, multi-media and live music. The piece was conceived by Berkshire-based theater company Opera Nouveau and will play at The Denmark Arts Center as a special roadshow preview en route to an NYC premier on Sept. 1.

Sunday, Aug. 30

Dirigo Class of 2016 Car Show/Yard Sale; 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Harlow Park, Dixfield. All proceeds to benefit Project Graduation 2016.

Denmark Mutt Show; 3 to 5:30 p.m., Denmark Arts Center, 50 West Main Street, Denmark. Every dog will win a prize, and the whole thing benefits Harvest Hills Animal Shelter. So bring your Mutt on down, and enter him or her to WIN BIG! First prize includes a DAC goodie bag (heavy on the DAM JAM merch), and a bunch of sundries from various pet supply stores in the area, valued at over \$50. The DAC will be transformed into a showplace worthy of the mangiest of mutts, as dogs are paraded down our central runway, to strut their stuff for three judges, who will rate your mutt on poise (lack thereof earns a bonus), smell, disobedience, and proletarian demeanor. Proceeds to benefit the Harvest Hills Animal Shelter.

Albany Improvement Assn. Meeting; 6 p.m., Albany Town House, corner of Vernon Street and Hunt's Corner Road. This meeting is open to the public.

Feeding the Hungry - Locally and Globally Potluck; 6 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church, Church Street, Bethel. Bring a dish to share. Amanda Moran of Nabos will give an update on the first year of Edible Bethel. Dick Bennett will share his experiences from his recent trip to Kenya where he volunteered in a Kakamega orphanage. FMI: Jane Chandler (357-3524).

Jewel and Donnie; live music fills the Bethel Common; 4 p.m., for a free concert. Local talents Jewel Clark and Donnie Katlin perform. Eclectic mix of music - covers and original works - and Jewel usually does some yodeling.

Tuesday, Sept. 1

Bethel Senior Citizens Luncheon Reservation Deadline; Reservations for the September luncheon must be received by this date. See Sept. 9 listing for further info.

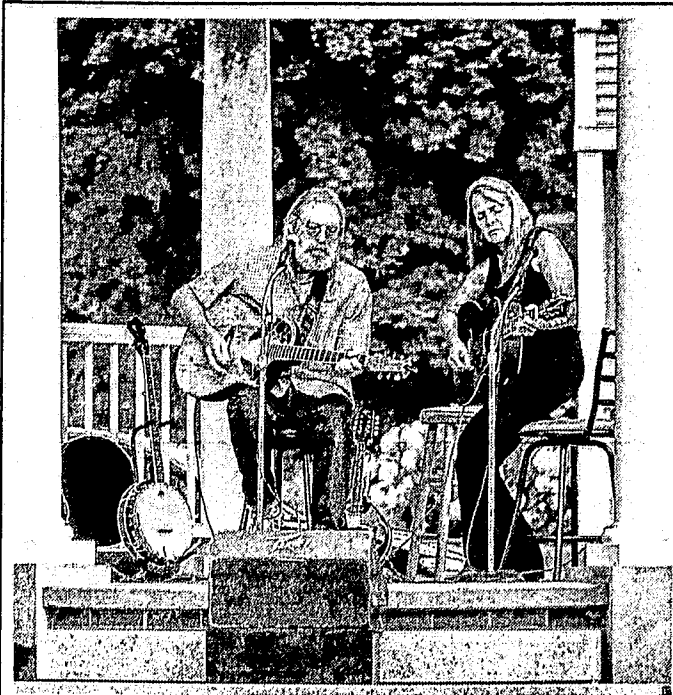
Wednesday, Sept. 2

Snow Valley Sno-Goers Meeting; 6:30 p.m. at the clubhouse off Route 5 in Andover. All interested in area snowmobiling are invited. Topics to be discussed include trails, club meetings and activities and projects undertaken by members over the past several months.

Greenwood Historical Society Meeting; 7 p.m., Historical Society Building, Locke's Mills. Blaine Mills will present a program on the history of the Richardson Hollow area.

Thursday, Sept. 3

Health Insurance Literacy Session; 1 to 2:30 p.m., Bethel Family Health Center, 32 Railroad Street, Bethel. Are you



Jewel Clark and Don Katlin will perform Sunday on the Bethel Common at 4 p.m. Submitted photo

newly insured? Do you find health insurance terms such as co-pay, deductible and co-insurance to be confusing? The Maine Primary Care Association, with help from Community Health Options, is helping insured Mainers navigate their insurance to use it for their best health. The session is open to all, regardless of insurance carrier or insurance status. Resources and referral information will be available to take home. FMI: Jeb E. Murphy (621-0677 ext. 203 or jmurphy@mepca.org).

Friday, Sept. 4

"Red Hot" First Friday Reception; 5 to 7 p.m., Main Street Gallery, 426 Main Street, Norway. During the reception, the gallery's artist of the month, Irina Kahn, will give a short talk on her work. Irina has pursued self-expression in oil, watercolor, pastel, and acrylics. This show will focus on flora, landscapes, and birds. FMI: westernmaineartgroup.org or Main Street Gallery on Facebook. The gallery is free and open to the public.

Concerts on the Common; 6 p.m., Andover Common. FMI: 392-1028.

Sept. 5, 6 and 7

Alder River Grange Yard Sale; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Alder River Grange Hall, 1897 Intervale Road.

Saturday, Sept. 5

Farmington Historical Society Yard Sale; 9 a.m., Octagon Carriage House, 126 High Street, Farmington. Furniture, tools, household items, antiques and more. Rain date: Sept. 12.

All Town Dinner; 7 p.m., Denmark Arts Center, 50 West Main Street, Denmark. Join the DAC for a locally-sourced farm-to-table dinner, featuring organic produce from Patch Farms right here in Denmark; free-range meat from Black Mountain Farms in Sweden, and various knick-knacks from our good friends at Spice & Grain in Fryeburg. Adding to the dinner will be a slide show and presentation by Patch and Black Mountain Farms, on the subject of A Year in the Life of a Maine Farm. \$20 per person, includes four course meal and wine tasting. FMI: <http://www.denmarkarts.org/event/all-town-dinner/>.

Sept. 9, 16 and 23

Swingin' Bears Square Dancing Classes; 6:30 to 7:45, lessons; 7:45 to 9, workshops for various levels (\$4 per person per workshop). Club caller, Ray Hilton of Saco, will be teaching. FMI: swinginbears.squaredanceme.us.

Wednesday, Sept. 9

Bethel Senior Citizens Meeting/Luncheon; 11 a.m. (doors open at 10:45), Funky Red Barn, Bethel. Menu is prime rib or haddock. Reservations must be made before Sept 1 by calling Arlene Lowell at 824-2877 or Becky Keen at 890-5267 with your choice. Price of dinner is \$13.

Old Man Luedecke Bethel Celtic Concert; 7 p.m., 75 Main Street, Bethel. Refreshments available by donation. Tickets: \$15. FMI: 824-2027 or www.necelticarts.com. FMI on the performer: <http://oldmanluedecke.ca>.

Sept. 10 and 17

First Aid and CPR; 6 to 10 p.m., Bethel Family Health Center with instructor Jeannine Thornton. CPR includes: adult, child and infant CPR, and obstructed airway. First Aid includes: burns, controlling bleeding, broken bones, poisoning, soft tissue, heat & cold exposure, and bandaging. You will receive 2 year certificates for both First Aid and CPR.

Limit 6. \$50 per person. FMI/Sign-up: <http://sad44.maineadulted.org/> or call 824-2136 ext. 1340.

Thursday, Sept. 10

Adventures in the Amazon Jungle Program; 2 p.m., Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. David Shaw will be telling about his adventures in the Amazon region of Brazil, showing slides and artifacts. This includes working with pastors of Brazilian churches, fishing for piranha, hunting alligators and visiting a water buffalo farm. Come and learn about a totally different way of life. The program is open to the public at no charge and light refreshments will be served.

Bethel Historical Society Annual Meeting; 6:30 p.m. potluck supper, followed by 7:30 p.m. meeting. During the meeting, which is also open to the general public, officers and trustees for 2015-2016 will be elected and the Noll Volunteer Service Award will be presented. Following the "official" ceremonies, folklorist and oral historian Jo Radner of Lovell will present "Yankee Ingenuity," a collection of stories of headstrong and resourceful people.

"Two Worlds: Scherenschnitte, Past and present" Opening Reception; 6:30 p.m., West Paris Library. This is a display of works by artist Clara Lamers, of a traditional folk art with many ethnic variations. FMI: 674-2004.

Friday, Sept. 11

Harvest Supper; 5 to 6:30 p.m., Lovell UCC, Route 5, Center Lovell. Corned beef, cabbage, beets, carrots, potatoes, turnip, bread, pie, coffee, lemonade. Adults/\$10, kids under 12/\$4.

Saturday, Sept. 12

Texas Hold'em Tournament; Doors open at noon, games begin at 1 p.m., Jackson-Silver Post 68, American Legion, 595 Gore Road, Locke's Mills. \$50 buy-in, \$5 license, 50/50, pull tabs, high hand ticket option. Food and beverages available. Air conditioned and spacious. FMI: Ray (875-2375 or 890-3737).

Sunday, Sept. 13

Yoga with Wendy; 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Crescent Park School Music Room, Bethel. Cultivate health, balance and well-being for your body, mind and spirit with Moderate Kripalu Yoga. Classes are \$12.00 drop-in fee per class. Please bring a yoga mat and blocks if you have them. Instructor: Wendy Youmans.

Monday, Sept. 14

Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over; 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or <http://meoc.maine.edu>. Free and open to the public.

College Transition Math Class Begins; Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., MSAD 44 Adult Education Learning Center. Instructor: Lois Ruff. This 12 week course helps prepare you for the Accuplacer test and for college math. Limit 8. \$60 per person.

FMI/Sign-up: <http://sad44.maineadulted.org/> or call 824-2136 ext. 1340.

Socrates Café; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Waterford Library. Are We Really The Masters Of Our Fate? Moderator: Jim Kearney. Light refreshments and coffee available. FMI call 583-6957.

Tuesday, Sept. 15

Look Good, Feel Better; 6 to 8 p.m., Stephens Memorial Hospital, 181 Main Street, Norway. What is the latest weapon available in the fight against cancer? For women participating in the Look Good, Feel Better program, the weapon of choice is a makeup brush. The program offers support for women experiencing appearance-related side effects of cancer treatment. During each free session - facilitated by licensed cosmetologists who volunteer their time - attendees receive instruction on makeup application and skin care, as well as suggestions for wearing wigs, scarves and other items. All attendees receive a complimentary makeup kit, and participants are never asked to buy anything. Pre-registration required. FMI: PattiAnn Douglas (744-6173).

Sept. 18 and 27

Hunter Safety Firearms Class; Sept. 18, 6 to 9 p.m. Sept. 27 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Telstar Library. \$10 per person. Study includes proper operation and use of equipment, maps and compass; first aid and survival laws; and land-owner relations and ethics. Participants must be 10 years old or older; those 10-12 years old must be accompanied by an adult. This is a Home Study course. Materials will be handed out and explained at the other class. Student must attend all classes. Limit 25. FMI/Registration: <http://sad44.maineadulted.org/> or 824-2136 ext. 1340.

Friday, Sept. 18

Gen207 "Ask Me (Almost) Anything" Forum; 6 p.m., Whitman Memorial Library, Woodstock. Ask your questions about politics, current events, etc. Speakers include State Senator Eric Brakey, Maine College Republican Vice Chair Abby Bennett and State Legislative Aide Ryan Lorrain. If you can't make it, live tweet your questions #Gen207.

Saturday, Sept. 19

Rug-Hooking Demonstration; 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Bethel Historical Society's Moses Mason House. Several local women will be demonstrating various rug-hooking techniques, and visitors will have the opportunity to give it a try. A small exhibit of hooked rugs from various periods will also be on view.

Illustrated Book Talk; 1:30 p.m., Bethel Historical Society's Moses Mason House. Author, antique dealer, and rug hooker Judith Burger-Gossart of Salisbury Cove will present an illustrated talk about her recently published book, Sadie's Winter Dream: Fishermen's Wives and Maine Sea Coast Mission Hooked Rugs, 1923-1938. The book, which will be available for purchase, recounts the story of how impoverished fishermen's wives on the coast of Maine had their lives transformed by Sea Coast Mission worker Alice Peasley, who taught them to make hooked rugs and then sold the rugs to aid these struggling families.

Thursday, Sept. 24

CPR Recertification; 6 to 9 p.m., Bethel Family Health Center with instructor Jeannine Thornton. Includes: adult, child, & infant CPR and obstructed airway. You must bring your current certificate. 2 year certificate. Limit 6. \$40 per person. FMI/Sign-up: <http://sad44.maineadulted.org/> or call 824-2136 ext. 1340.

Monday, Sept. 28

Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over; 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or <http://meoc.maine.edu>. Free and open to the public.

Wednesday, Sept. 30

Community Supper (No Charge); 4:30 to 6 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walker's Mills Road (across from Telstar parking lot). Call 207-824-2289 for more information.

Oct. 1 and 8

CPR Certification; 6 to 9 p.m., Bethel Family Health Center with instructor Jeannine Thornton. Adult, child, & infant CPR, and obstructed airway. 2 year certification. Limit 6. \$50 per person. FMI/Sign-up: <http://sad44.maineadulted.org/> or call 824-2136 ext. 1340.

Saturday, Oct. 10

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Oct. 15 and 22

CPR and CPR Recertification for Healthcare Professionals; Bethel Family Health Center with instructor Jeannine Thornton. Includes: adult, child, & infant CPR, and obstructed airway. 2 year certification. For CPR Recertification, just attend Oct. 15. Limit 6. \$50 per person. FMI/Sign-up: <http://sad44.maineadulted.org/> or call 824-2136 ext. 1340.

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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

WORD FUN

Study the two words on each line to find the ONE letter in the left column that is NOT in the word in the right column. Write the extra letter on the blank space. Then read DOWN to answer this riddle:

WHAT DOES A VEGGIE USE TO TRAVEL FROM THE FIELD TO THE SUPERMARKET?

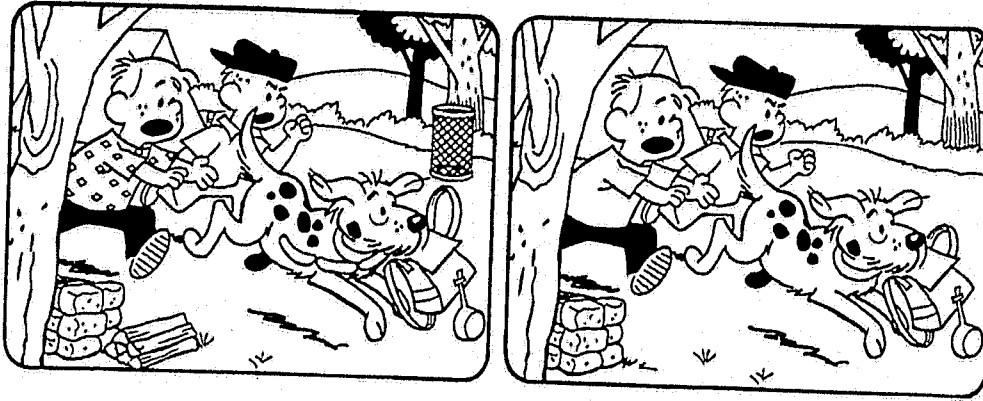
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			FRIDGE	___	FRIED
			BAWLER	___	BRAWL

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences:
1. Shirt is different. 2. Firewood is missing. 3. Arm is moved. 4. Hot dogs are missing. 5. Trash can is missing. 6. Strap is shorter.

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: A equals Y

HLEEUHI AUL WU HUDI DBNM
BCW ESUYIHW NU QBCJLTHM BC
ICIDA. MBQI AUL WTQTWIIW BCW
YUCJLISIW?

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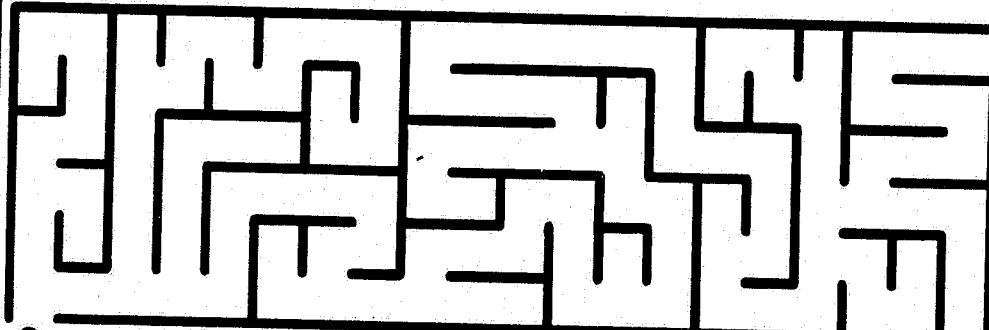
SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Uncaring
SLABE
Suspend
GLADEN
Maybe
SHARPPE
Crucial
GRUNTE

TODAY'S WORD

Kids' Maze

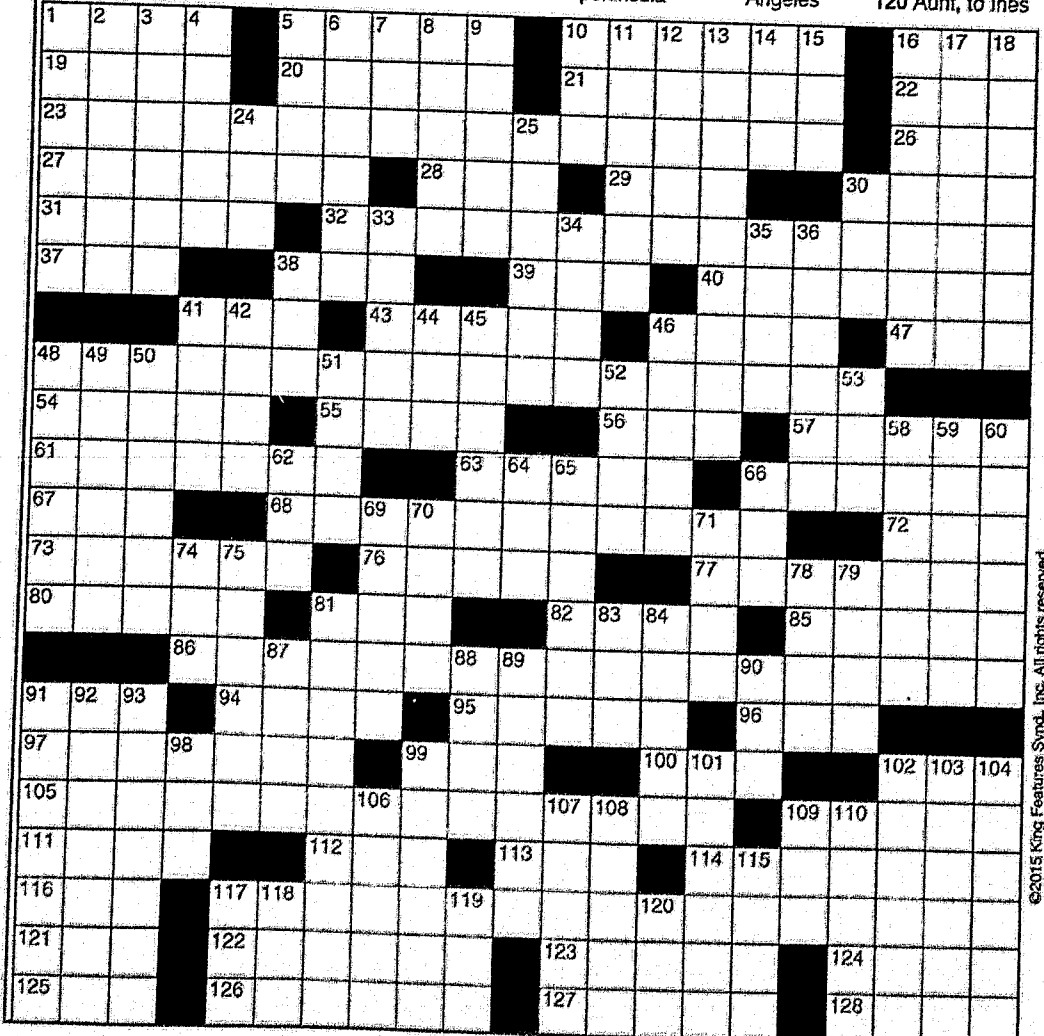


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Super Crossword

BREAKING STORY

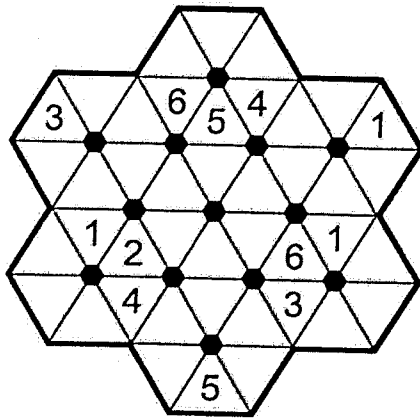
- ACROSS
- 1 On — with (equivalent to)
 - 5 Viking letters
 - 10 South American plains
 - 16 Cap for a Scot
 - 19 "Us" or "them"
 - 20 Prefix with structure
 - 21 Lacking scruples
 - 22 — culpa
 - 23 Place for test tubes
 - 26 Bruins great Bobby
 - 27 Lemonade cleaner
 - 28 Diving ideal
 - 29 Zero
 - 30 Blind as —
 - 31 "Can it!"
 - 32 Warehouse or silo, e.g.
 - 37 From suit
 - 38 Antique auto
 - 39 Chum
 - 40 Noisy turkey
 - 41 Hearth residue
 - 43 Title giver
 - 46 Lord's lady
 - 47 Koch and Bradley
 - 48 Saying "Yay mel," say
 - 54 Oldsmobile's last model
 - 55 "Strange — may seem
 - 56 — out a living
 - 57 "You are not!" retort
 - 61 Is a sign of the fibula
 - 63 It parallels the fibula
 - 66 Pago Pago inhabitant
 - 67 VCR tape displacer
 - 68 Place for excavating building
 - 72 Corrosive cleaner
 - 73 Sobieski of "Max"
 - 76 Beach locale
 - 77 In ciphertext
 - 82 "— shame!"
 - 85 La Scala show
 - 86 Uproar over a disputed matter
 - 91 Kennel noise
 - 94 "... friend who never made —"
 - 95 Laundry cycle
 - 96 Lion's place
 - 97 Brussels site
 - 99 Suffix with racket
 - 100 Up "til
 - 102 Many run Windows
 - 105 Winner's loot
 - 109 "Ave —"
 - 111 Medium gait
 - 112 Refrain
 - 113 Former Egypt-Syr. alliance
 - 114 Twofold nature
 - 116 Lend support
 - 117 Obsolete hypothesis about the universe's origin
 - 121 British verb suffix
 - 122 Wounded purpose
 - 123 Serving a purpose
 - 124 Rock group
 - 125 Springfield's Flanders
 - 126 Have a fixation (on)
 - 127 Repasts
 - 128 Give lip to?
 - 129 Give a hand
 - 2 Machu — (site of Incan ruins)
 - 3 Farewells, in France
 - 4 Oboe's pair
 - 5 Starchy grain
 - 6 Antsy feeling
 - 7 Falcons' org.
 - 8 Bard's Muse
 - 9 Cavalry sword
 - 10 Ford product
 - 11 Blown away
 - 12 Recurring subject
 - 13 Spread, as ideas
 - 14 Rowboat propeller
 - 15 Furtive
 - 16 Big name in cell service
 - 17 Made bubbly, in a way
 - 18 They suffer for believing
 - 24 To the — degree
 - 25 Via wagering
 - 30 Balkan Peninsula
 - 33 Salad bar tool
 - 34 Wise adviser
 - 35 "Hot Diggity" singer
 - 36 Two-nation peninsula
 - 38 Letter before sigma
 - 41 Bushy '60s do
 - 42 File resident
 - 44 Jackie O's Onassis
 - 45 Kathy of country
 - 46 Capital of Senegal
 - 48 Wrangler's seat
 - 49 An hour before noon
 - 50 Shylock, e.g.
 - 51 Publisher
 - 52 Starship princess
 - 53 Holiday tuber
 - 58 Crumble into particles in "Grease"
 - 59 Bears Hall of Farmer Gale
 - 60 Eventually
 - 62 Suffix with Peking
 - 64 High figs. for brains
 - 65 Shirt fastener
 - 66 Thesaurus
 - 69 Christmas carol opener
 - 70 Court plea, in brief
 - 71 Be a parent to
 - 74 "NCIS: — Angeles"
 - 75 Involve by necessity
 - 78 Shore nook
 - 79 Unrestricted
 - 81 Advocates
 - 83 Seat holders
 - 84 Have the helm
 - 87 "That makes two —"
 - 88 Liberated, in German
 - 89 Big-top event
 - 90 Poem variety
 - 91 Not partake
 - 92 Musical echo
 - 93 Inundated
 - 98 "Skedaddle!"
 - 99 Dodges
 - 101 High school in "Grease"
 - 102 A — (deductively)
 - 103 Lemon, e.g.
 - 104 Agree (to)
 - 106 Draw up
 - 107 Hollywood's O'Neal
 - 108 Preach, say
 - 109 — jargon (tile game)
 - 110 Smart — (wise guy)
 - 115 Plains tribe
 - 117 HBO rival
 - 118 Indenting key
 - 119 NFL gains
 - 120 Aunt, to Inés



SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦
♦ Easy ♦♦ Medium ♦♦♦ Difficult

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

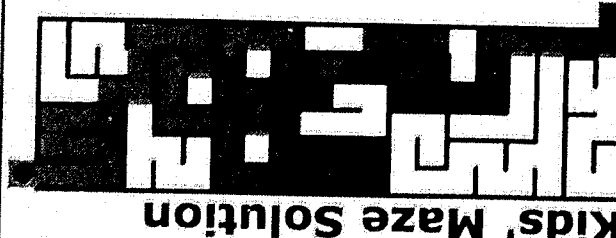
	3		6			5
1			4	7	8	
		2	8			6
2		4		2	1	
	6		1	5		
8		3			5	
	4		7			9
7	5		9	3		

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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Kids' Maze Solution

SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word

3. Perhaps; 4. Urgent

1. Bias; 2. Dangle;

Suppose you do some main

answer

conquered?

CryptoQuip

Suppose you do some main

answer

conquered?

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News from the Bethel Historical Society

Mason House Summer Season Ending
On Saturday, Aug. 29, regularly scheduled guided tours of the 1813 Dr. Moses Mason House will come to an end, as will the Society's short-term exhibit, "Secluded Glens & Noble Landscapes: Traditional White Mountain Art Recaptured." Sincere thanks are extended to the many people from the community who volunteered to keep the Mason House open to the public during July and August - house guides Nancy Mercer, Savannah Sessions, Stan Howe, and Donna Douglass; and exhibit hall hosts Tineke Owninga, Rosemary Laban, Rachel MacKay,

Karen Bean, Cathy Newell, Jackie Bell, Ginny Gamble, Jan Stowell, Jean Owen, Tim and Iris Roberts, and Lynne Kulik. Special "Yankee Ingenuity" tours of the Mason House will continue through October by appointment (207-824-2908).
New Web Site
Thanks to the computer skills and experience of Will Chapman, our newly-hired librarian/archivist, we're building a new website for the Bethel Historical Society that will go live in mid-September. Visitors will still be able to avail themselves of information about our historical organization, the town of Bethel and the surrounding area, but will

hopefully find navigating the website easier thanks to a more streamlined and efficient layout. As always, members and friends are encouraged to e-mail us at info@bethelhistorical.org or call us at 207-824-2908 or 800-824-2991 to connect with a "real" person!
50th Anniversary Planning Underway
Staff and members of the Programs, Exhibits and Publications Committee are already making plans for the year-long celebration in 2016 of the Bethel Historical Society's 50th birthday! We'll be opening new exhibits, offering special programs and finding fun ways to mark a half century of collecting,

preserving and sharing local and regional history.
Huntoon Building Update
Steady progress is now being made on the final addition to the Robinson House, a project made possible by a generous gift Charles R. Huntoon, a longtime Society member and supporter. The concrete basement walls that will support the new "barn" are now in place, allowing visitors to view the 20 by 25 foot climate-controlled vault that will be used to protect the Society's extensive collection of large bound volumes of local newspapers, business records and maps dating as far back as the 1820s. A second, larger vault will

eventually be constructed on the floor above, providing secure space for manuscripts, historic photographs, rare books, letters and other fragile documents. When completed, the Huntoon addition will blend in seamlessly with the older portion of the Robinson House, which was begun in 1821 and extensively modernized in the Italianate style in 1881.
Located on Broad Street in Bethel (established in 1768 and incorporated in 1796), the Bethel Historical Society collects, preserves, displays, and interprets the history of western Maine and the White Mountain region of Maine and New Hampshire through exhibits, lectures, events, and

publications. The "Museums of the Bethel Historical Society" feature six exhibit galleries and nine period rooms spread throughout two buildings - the 1821 O'Neil Robinson House and the 1813 Dr. Moses Mason House. An extensive on-site research library contains books, manuscripts, maps and photographs available to members and the general public year-round by appointment. The Society's museum collection contains thousands of objects that tell the story of the town of Bethel and the surrounding region. Throughout the year, the Society provides a full schedule of high quality events (most free of charge), for people of all ages.

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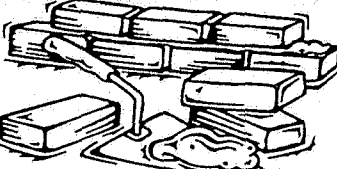
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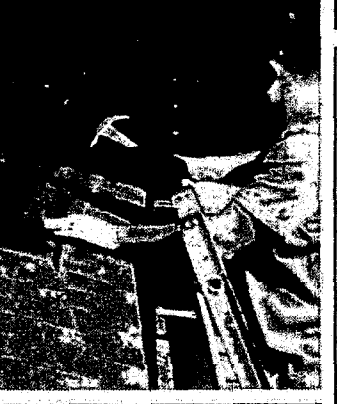
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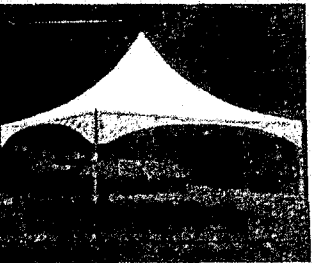
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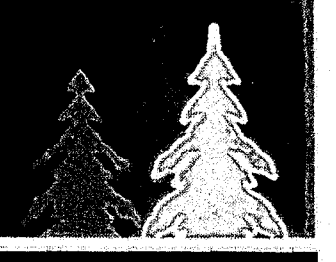


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Deadline for submission of sealed bid sheets to the town office at Town of Bethel, 19 Main Street, PO Box 1660, Bethel, ME 04217 is Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at 4:00pm, at which time bids will be opened and available for public inspection.

One or more bidders are expected to be identified at the September 14 meeting of the Board of Selectmen. Contract authorization will occur at the earliest mutual convenience beyond that date.

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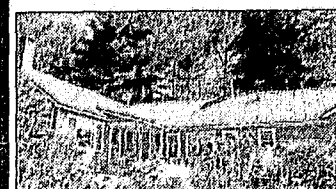


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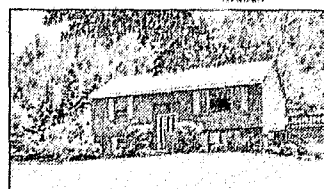
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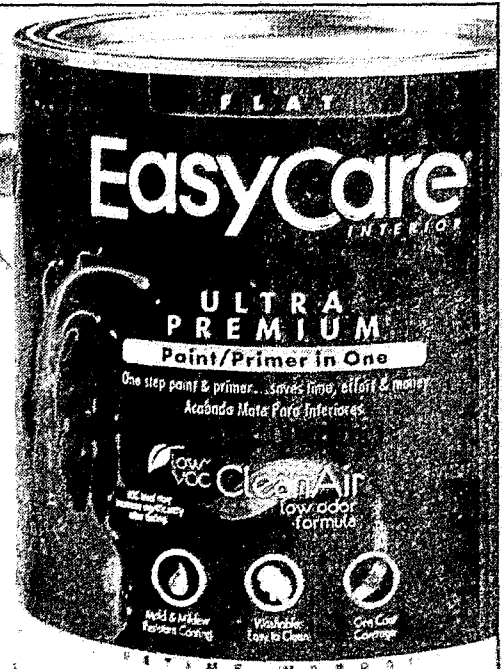
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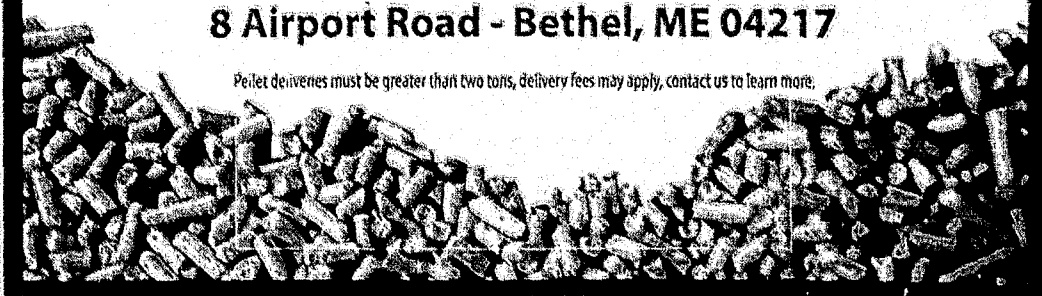
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Obituaries



OLGA B. MORGAN

Olga B. Morgan, 87, of Bethel, died at her residence early in the morning on Sunday Aug. 23, 2015. She was born in North Grotton, N.H. on Oct. 17, 1927, the daughter of Bert Taylor and Blanche (Boynton) Taylor and was educated in local schools. Olga was a homemaker most of her life and had worked at local mills and the Bethel Inn for many years. She was a member of the Church of the Nazarene in Bethel and enjoyed flowers and music and she especially enjoyed time spent with her grandchildren.

She is survived by one son, Jonathan Morgan of South Paris; four daughters, Judith Koskela of Bryant Pond, Carol Wentworth of Durham, N.H., Kathy Mason and Janice Bachelier both of Greenwood; 14 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband Leroy Morgan on March 2, 1980 and three brothers Olaf Taylor, Archie Taylor and Andrew Taylor.

Funeral services were held at the Bethel Church of the Nazarene on Tuesday, Aug. 25 at 11 a.m. with Pastor Chuck Mason officiating. Interment will be in the Lakeside Cemetery, Bryant Pond. Those who wish may donate in Olga's memory to the Church of the Nazarene, Church Street, Bethel, Maine 04217.

Arrangements by Cliff Gray Cremation & Funeral Service, 60 Andrews Road, Bryant Pond.



DOROTHY M. BEAN

Dorothy M. Bean, 87, of Bethel died Saturday evening, Aug. 22 at Ledgeview Center.

She was born in Shelburne, N.H. on Aug. 12, 1928 a daughter of Roland F. and Margaret Wilson Hayes. She graduated from Gorham, N.H. High School in the Class of 1948. She married Richard W. Bean on Oct. 16, 1948; he died on Aug. 12, 1981. Dorothy was a homemaker and worked as a chamber maid in area inns. She was a life member of the Jackson-Silver American Legion Auxiliary, Post 68. She was an avid beano player, an avid gardener and she also enjoyed fishing with her husband.

She is survived by two sons Harlan and his wife Kathy of South Paris and Wayne and his wife Wilma of Bethel; four granddaughters Kristen Searles and fiancé Matthew Brackett, Karole-Ann Kenniston and husband Heath, Staci Coolidge and husband Jim and Jennifer Merrill and husband Richard; nine great-grandchildren Kemsens, Karter, Katie, Taylor, Daniel, Gabe, Andrew, Samuel and Eva-Marie; four brothers Roland, Jr., Richard, Warren and Charlie Hayes; a sister Shirley Lemay; many nieces and nephews; and special friend Ruth Grover and her daughter Jamie.

Dorothy was predeceased by her husband, and three sisters, Doris Gorham, Helen Saunders and Tilly Myers. Online condolences may be shared with her family at www.chandlerfunerals.com.

Family and friends may attend graveside services Friday, Aug. 28 at 1 p.m. at Pine Grove Cemetery, West Bethel. In lieu of flowers those who wish may make memorial gifts in her memory to the Jackson-Silver Auxiliary, P.O. Box 178, Greenwood, Maine 04255 or to a charity of your choice. Arrangements are under the care of Chandler Funeral Homes, Greenleaf Chapel, 37 Vernon Street, Bethel.



HELEN WEBB

Helen Verrill Webb, 56, of South Paris, died Monday, Aug. 17, 2015 at her home in South Paris.

She was born on Aug. 5, 1959, in Rumford, a daughter of Lewis and Frances (Billings) Verrill. After the death of her parents at an early age, she was raised by her "Grammie and Grampa," Gerald and Eva Gammon of West Sumner.

Helen attended grammar school in the Hartford/Sumner area and went on to Buckfield High School, later earning her high school diploma from the Wayside Christian Academy in Livermore.

She was a striving hard worker and for many years worked at Penley Manufacturing in West Paris. She also had worked at the Summer General Store, the Big Apple in West Paris and as a personal care assistant for people at home.

Helen had attended the West Sumner Baptist Church for many years. She enjoyed crocheting and making several afghans and baby blankets over the years. She also loved flower gardening, the company of cats, feeding birds and collecting antique bottles.

Helen is survived by a son, Jeffrey Webb and his partner Sean Smith of Bangor; a daughter, Marie Webb and her significant other, Johnny Drevnerman of Foulton, N.Y.; siblings, Arthur Verrill of Manchester, N.H., Judy Gammon and her husband, John, Sr. of Tamworth, N.H., Dorothy Hale and her husband Roger of Scarborough, and Nancy Cote and her husband Paul of Lewiston; her ex-husband John Webb of Milton. She was predeceased by her parents; her "Grammie and Grampa" and infant siblings, Clarence and Ruth.

Online condolences and tributes may be shared with her family and friends at www.chandlerfunerals.com.

Memorial services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 23, 2015 at the Chandler Funeral Home & Cremation Service, 45 Main Street, South Paris. Gifts may be made in Helen's memory to Community Concepts, 17 Market Square, South Paris, Maine 04281.

Greenwood City Memories

BY COLISTA MORGAN

Haying

This year we have surely lived up to our reputation of talking about the weather more than any other people outside of New England. And why not? We have certainly had more weather to talk about. It has been our arresting feature. Almost every day clouds hung low, brushing the tops of the trees and hiding the hills. We had seen them only through a veil of falling rain.

Usually we enjoy the lengthening of days of sunshine with a bit of leisure, before the rush of the haying season. This year it became summer overnight with the warm west wind playing in the little poplars, shimmering and silencing at the edge of the pond and polishing everything to a diamond brilliance.

At the farm now there is an endless succession of tasks on through every day and the deadline seems to be immediate. Over the curbing shoulders of the land the machines move. How different from the time that horses once plodded on, or stood there rippling their skins in the light stir of the air, tossing their heads, bodies steaming gently and their harnesses making a creaking or jangling sound.

Bales of hay dot the fields and windrows curve away like rollers with here and there warm gray boulders rising in the sun.

The fragrance of the new-mown hay changes at almost every step.

Light glistens along the moist shining skin of the workers.

Everywhere are the barn swallows with sunlight flashing on their dark blue satin backs, their forked tails brushing and combing, chattering all the time. They dart down at the cat as he naps in the sun.

Out beyond the barn in the green pasture that stretches to the shore of the pond, there is a lowing occasionally of cattle, answered by those cropping on the far hillside.

One cannot cheat the earth when it comes to farming.

The land must be tended religiously, putting back into the soil much thought, labor and time that has been taken out. Men spend their strength and years at this art, and it truly is an art, in taming their beautiful land to their service. The farm is filled with hard work but great satisfaction. And also the air is filled with lovely sounds, and soft breezes are redolent with growing things. There is peace that one cannot fail to feel.

At night when chores are ended and the moon rises, making a golden path across the water to your door step, the sky above is clear and filled with stars. One forgets his labor of the day and thinks how wonderful it is to live in the country where routing work and common things of nature bring a time of rest.

One goes to sleep with outside music; the voices of the tree toads, the thrushes, white throated sparrows, and the tremble of inanimate voiceless life out there, solitary amongst a thousand shadows.

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This summer she has crafted the new Northwoods collection of two-sided pendants combining native Maine wood, cherry, curly maple and bird's eye maple with Maine gemstones.

The Museum Store also includes Maine Tourmaline, Rose Quartz, Aquamarine, Amethyst and Smoky Quartz among its offerings.

MMGM store hours are Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visit www.mainemineralmuseum.org for more information.

Feed the hungry globally and locally

Come to a potluck supper sponsored by West Parish Congregational Church in Bethel on Sunday, Aug. 30 at 6 p.m. Amanda Morin will give an update on the first year of Edible Bethel. Amanda Morin of Nabos initiated the walking around the town and growing vegetables in front of local businesses. The Bethel Garden Club and the Congo Crafters helped with the project.

In addition Dick Bennet just went to Kenya to volunteer in an orphanage in Kakamega. He's going to share his experiences at a community potluck Sunday, Aug. 30 at 6 p.m. at West Parish Congregational Church in Bethel. "Feeding the Hungry - globally and locally".

This supper is kick-off to this year's CROP (Communities Respond to Overcome Poverty) Walk. Seventy-five percent of the money raised on the CROP Walk support Church World Service, international relief work in disasters and small business loans for local development.

In addition efforts to curb hunger locally will be discussed. Twenty-five percent of the funds raised through CROP support the Bethel Food Pantry. Edible Bethel provides healthy food options for anyone in the area.



Amanda Morin in her garden at Nabos.

Submitted photo

The supper is a potluck, bring a dish to share. Supper is at 6 p.m. at West Parish Congregational Church dining room. Information about the upcoming CROP Walk Sept. 27 will be available. For more information contact Jane Chandler, 357-3524.

Births

PATTEN

Dan and Jessica Patten Jr. of Norway are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Destiny Edwina Faith Patten, born on Aug. 20, 2015 at 3:44 p.m. at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 pounds 8 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Doreen Norton of Oxford and Guy Barter of Yarmouth.

Paternal grandparents are Edwina Russel-Ballou of Norway and Dan Patten Sr. of Norway.

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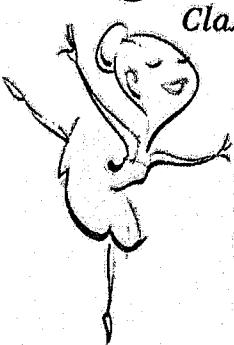
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